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NSW Federation about to be in the money \$10 million in two years

Italy is wanted!

BY TOM ANDERSON

ASF commissioner and NSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozzetta will adopt the role of international ambassador at large, when he jets out of Sydney for Europe on Friday.

Labbozzetta will fly to Italy, in a bid to lure the Italian national team here next year, to participate in a major tournament to be staged by the ASF.

He will also talk with the powerful AC Milan club with the view to have them visit here.

The NSL vice-chairman will have top line talks with Italian Federation president Antonio Matarrese in Rome and AC Milan supremo Silvio Berlusconi in Milan.

The ASF plan to stage a top line tournament in May and June next year, involving the Socceroos and overseas national teams.

Two likely participants being considered at present are, the Republic of Ireland and Japan.

There is also a big chance that South American club champions Colo-Colo of Chile will visit here in December after their World Club championship clash against Red Star Belgrade in Tokyo.

At the weekend, Labbozzetta said he intends to open cordial relations with the Italian Federation and leading Italian clubs.

"Our aim is to have the best teams available visit here and the Italian national team and AC Milan certainly come into this category."



Big plans for State League

BY TOM ANDERSON

IN a fairytale rags to riches story, the NSW Soccer Federation is about to pocket a mammoth \$10 million.

This will be accrued over the next two years when the Federation sub-divide and sell 35 acres of their property at Parklea.

170 home sites will be developed and a number of commercial firms are showing interest in other NSW Federation property.

With financial stability in sight, the Federation has announced plans for a major shake-up of their setup in 1992.

This will bring a state super league and regionalised competitions.

Marketing and media officers have been appointed and greater emphasis will be placed on taking the game to the schools.

It's an ambitious program and one which will need a great deal of hard work and dedication within the member clubs if it is to succeed.

"The sale and development of 170 home sites will give us the finance to develop NSW state soccer to its full potential," NSW general manager Peter Thorne declared.

"We firmly believe we have a product, when fully developed and marketed, will capture the imagination of the NSW sportsfans.

"With this aim in mind, we have now put in place a plan to ensure state soccer does progress in the years ahead.

"In the past, lack of finance has always been our major stumbling block, but now with our plans for Parklea this has been overcome."

What ABSW says . . .

'WHAT A WEEK'

THAT was the week that was!

And what a controversial period it turned out to be.

On one side of the coin there was the big announcement from the NSW Federation of a mammoth \$10 million windfall and plans for a complete re-structure of their setup.

Ambitious stuff, which we can only hope will prove a success.

But the big aspect of the state league move is the NSW Federation is giving their scene every chance to succeed.

On the other side, we hear rumours of the ABC network about to pull the plug on NSL soccer and coach Vic Fernandez parting company with newly promoted NSL outfit West Adelaide before a ball

has been kicked in anger.

Who dares to say soccer is a dull sport?

The allegations about the ABC network about to turn its back on the game could be serious.

If correct, this could bring a messy and long drawn out court battle.

The Vic Fernandez — West Adelaide situation would be comical if it wasn't so sad.

It's something that should just not happen in our top soccer competition and it takes away a great deal of credibility from the code.

Looking at the situation with a rational point of view the only conclusion that can be reached is — that some of the

contracts in our soccer setup seem to be not worth the paper they are written on.

The ASF Commission is comprised of honest men with development of soccer in this country very much in their hearts.

Surely, they don't deserve to be confronted with such problems at the present time.

However, they now have the powers at their disposal to put such matters in order once and for all.

No doubt, such action will be taken this week when they meet.

It is a time when their authority will be well and truly tested.

We are sure they will pass the test.

THE EDITOR.

Dave's Wolves are baying

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DAVID RATCLIFFE, former World Cup defender and current boss of Wollongong City, is slowly building up his forces to do battle in the new NSL season.

Ratcliffe has already moved fast to snap up reliable centre-back Mike O'Shea from St George for the bargain fee of just \$1,500.

O'Shea's inclusion in Ratcliffe's squad will add much needed steel and experience to the back-four.

The no-nonsense Ratcliffe has already lost left defender, Ibro Cahut, sold to Brisbane United for \$7,500.

"We have signed up most of last season's players, but I must strengthen certain areas of my squad," he said.

"I hope to sign two solid midfielders, both

from interstate State League clubs.

"One is from Melbourne and the other from Adelaide.

"I also aim to have Kevin Hagan in attack and hopefully gain the signature of an exciting young striker formerly from a Sydney NSL club.

"Matt Horsley, a midfielder, with only four NSL matches under his belt, has also signed again and I feel he will do well as he gains experience.

"Other youngsters I have pulled in include Shane Williams a local wide player, and Stephen Baggot, a defender.

"We also have 17 year old striker, Sasha Dimoski to work with.

"With seasoned campaigners such as David Green, David Skeen, Pat Brodnik and Jock Orlando, our young talent will blossom with time.

"Charlie Yankos is a free agent and has not decided what he will do.



Wolves coach DAVE RATCLIFFE (left) in action against APFA.

"Left winger Milan Kuc is a visa player, and is currently over in Malaysia guesting with a local club. But hopefully he will also return to us before the start of the

new NSL season."

Highly experienced goalkeeper, Tony Pezzano, will again be donning the gloves for Ratcliffe this coming season.

Wollongong City will once again have as major sponsors, giant steelworks B.H.P., plus the Fraternity Club.

Ratcliffe, possibly Australia's best value

as coach, with an extremely limited budget, adheres strictly to Wollongong's policy of "always balancing the books" at the end of the season.

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Slater off to stunning start

BY LOU GAUTIER

ALTHOUGH his club Lens only got off to an ordinary start in the French First Division, Robbie Slater has been in top form.

Lens, promoted to the First Division in the very last minute after the demotion of Nice and Brest to the Second Division because they went into receivership, have collected three points in their first three outings.

Lens lost in the first round at home — 0-2 to Metz — then scored an away win at Toulon 1-0, before drawing 0-0 at Caen.

In the opening match

of the season, played in heavy rain in front of 22,000 spectators, Slater was voted the best Lens player by the mass circulation (560,000 copies sold daily) "L'Equipe" newspaper.

He collected seven points out of a possible 10, while the rest of his team-mates were awarded sixes and fives.

And he again got seven points, along with goal scorer Laurent Boli, brother of Marseille's Basile Boli, in Lens' 1-0 win at Toulon.

And in Lens' most recent game, Slater was again awarded seven points in a match Lens dominated from start to finish only to be denied by brilliant goalkeeping

from the Caen custodian, much to the chagrin of the 24,000 Lens fans.

Slater says he is very happy with his early season form and that he hopes Eddie Thomson does not forget him when he is selecting his squad for the 1994 World Cup qualifiers.

"I desperately want to play for Australia again and I am definitely available during the off-season, which in France only lasts six weeks — all of June until mid-July," he said.

SBS Television have bought the September 21 match between Lens and French champions Marseille for screening as a main feature on World Soccer in October.



Robbie Slater in his Lens uniform.

It's all go for Sydney Croatia

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

Former Sydney Croatia boss Tony Topic has made a surprise comeback as soccer president at Edensor Park and is quietly confident of bringing back the glory days to the Croatian Sports Centre.

Topic is certainly no stranger to success. He was in charge when Croatia ruled the roost in their State League heyday from 1980 to 1984. He was again soccer supremo in 1988, taking Croatia to within a whisker of completing a glorious minor premiership and championship double.

Croatia finished equal first with surprise packets Wollongong City and the powerful South Melbourne that year but were pipped into second place by the Wolves on goal difference.

They then looked home and hosed in the championship deciding grand final at Parramatta Stadium when they led Marconi 2-1 with only seconds of extra time remaining. But Croatia conceded a last gasp penalty which enabled the Fairfielders to save the game before clinching the title in a dramatic shootout.

Those were heady times indeed for the club's large band of success-hungry supporters. Ever since then, however, Croatia somehow lost its way completely and Topic decided on making himself available in order to try and get the club back on an even keel.

"We've had our problems over the last few years," he confessed "but that's all behind us now. The league needs a

successful buoyant Croatia and I would not have returned if I didn't believe that the potential to be strong challengers once again wasn't here".

For a start, Topic has complete faith in the ability of recently appointed 48-year-old coach Mladen Vrankovic. The former NK Rijeka boss brings 10 years of first division coaching experience from Europe with him, is a thorough professional and has already made a big impression at Edensor Park with his knowledge of the game.

Vrankovic also wasted no time in using his contacts back home to enable Croatia to sign up three Rijeka players for the coming season.

According to Topic, one is a 29 year old midfielder with a number of international appearances to his credit, another is a central defender who is 27 and the third is a promising 22 year old with plenty of attacking flair. "They all come highly recommended by Vrankovic," he said, "and I have also seen videos of all of them. I'm sure they will be great acquisitions for our squad".

Apart from these highly credentialled imports, Topic revealed that Croatia is also in the market for two more local players even though nothing has been finalised at this stage.

The unexpected return of Youth Soccerroos keeper Mark Bosnich from Manchester United is an additional bonus for Croatia with Topic dismissing speculation that he might end up elsewhere.

"We are obviously very disappointed with the way things worked out for Mark in Eng-



VELIMIR KUPRESAK (right): under an injury cloud.

land", he said. "He is an outstanding talent and he is still very much our player. Mark will be a great asset to our team and we fully intend to use him".

Croatia is not as confident about their ability to retain the services of Soccerroo sensation Ned Zelic, however. "We are resigned to losing him," Topic admitted, "now that the tribunal has set his transfer fee for the local market at \$46,000. I

expect that Zelic's transfer will soon be sorted out".

Another big blow for Croatia is the uncertain future of powerful central defender Velimir Kupresak following his bad knee injury.

Kupresak was one of the league's outstanding players last year until suffering his injury late in the season.

He has since undergone two operations but medical opinion is that

there is no chance of a comeback until at least December. Even if everything goes according to plan, a big question mark must remain on his playing future.

With the exception of loan players Paul Carter and midfielder John Gibson going back to Blacktown City, however, the remainder of last year's squad remains intact.

Long-serving former Soccerroo defender Wally Savor and midfielder Ante Rumora have both fully recovered from injury, striker Zeljko Jurin has returned from his loan spell with Wollongong Macedonia while

creative midfielder Ivan Petkovic will remain at Edensor Park for at least another season.

"We're well aware that there is a lot of hard work ahead of us to get back on top," Topic candidly admits, "but I'm completely confident that we have the right coach and a very good squad to get us there".

The immediate future for one of the league's biggest crowd pullers is certainly looking rosy. No less than five of Australia's outstanding young Soccerroos who did so well in Portugal recently will give Croatia

plenty of depth. "These youngsters will be given every opportunity to force their way into the first team," was the bold promise made by Topic.

With ground improvements at the Croatian Sports Centre well on the way to being completed, everything points to the real possibility that Sydney Croatia may finally be about to turn the corner. I for one will not be at all surprised to see them strongly challenging for honours once again this season — just as they did when Tony Topic was last in command.

Frank is ready at Bari

BY LOU GAUTIER

ALTHOUGH Frank Farina has had to take a back seat at Bari since the club's highly publicised purchase of England midfielder

David Platt, the Soccerroo star is not complaining.

"It's normal everyone should be making a fuss over Platt," he says.

"He comes to Bari with a huge reputation

and is a very good player.

"Having him in the team will guarantee me plenty of perfect passes to score goals.

"Together with Brazilian Joao Paulo, we should crack in a few. I am rarin' to go."

Farina made a great

debut for Bari.

In the first friendly game of the season, against an amateur side, he cracked in four of Bari's 12 goals.

And last week, against tougher, Third Division, opposition, he scored twice in a 5-1 Bari win.



David Platt and Frank Farina about to line up for Bari's 1991/92 season in the Italian First Division.



This is how Bari will line-up when the Italian League kicks off on September 1 (new players in capital letters).

Mexico a threat

Mexico presents the unknown threat to Australia in the finals of the World under-17 championship.

The Joeys are now in camp for six warm-up matches in Europe before transferring to Italy for the opening tournament match against Mexico on August 18.

"I've seen Mexican teams in the past but this will be a completely new side," said national youth coach Les Scheinflug.

"At this stage, I don't have any information on them but I don't think the other finalists can be much ahead of us in skills.

"At least we'll have a chance to look at and analyse Congo and Qatar, our other opponents in the preliminary group."

The Australians face a tough routine at the Papendal National Sports Centre in Holland where they are based.

Matches have been arranged against three teams in Holland, two in Germany and one against FC Brugge in Belgium, the club which has signed Youth internationals Paul Okon and Lorenz Kindtner.

Scheinflug expected the match against the German national under-17 team to give

him the biggest breakthrough in information.

Germany have also qualified for the world finals although it is in a different group.

"The match against them will give us an idea of our strength, whether we have improved or how far behind we trail," he said.

"The Australians are skillful but need to improve their fitness, knowledge of each others' playing style and confidence in their own ability.

"We have to gradually build fitness with training twice a day and matches two days apart to teach them how to survive pressure."

Ace Aussie referee Chris Bambridge HAUNTED BY

WHILST Chris Bambridge will almost invariably be remembered as Australia's top whistler of the 1980s, it is equally as certain that when his name is recalled in years to come, one controversial decision made at the peak of his career will dominate any conversation.

The year was 1986 and Bambridge, with the eyes of the world upon him, had charge of an emotion-charged World Cup Finals Group D game between Brazil and Spain in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Sub-standard Brazil takes the game 1-0, but sports pages around the globe and countless television replays show that Bambridge has disallowed a Spanish goal which has apparently clearly crossed the line.

That decision — although the man himself still stands by his call — might have been his most controversial, but it was not his most difficult, not by a long shot.

Bambridge made that just a matter of weeks ago, when he decided to hand in his whistle and call it a day.

That decision, although it didn't make world headlines, was far more difficult to make.

Without fanfare, the best Australian referee of the decade has called it a day.

And according to him, the choice to pack it in gave him more headaches than the World Cup gaffe ever did, despite the headlines of that time.

"Yes, it has definitely been the most difficult decision I've had to make", says Bambridge.

"But it had to come because although I've loved my career as a referee, it has put tremendous pressure on my family life.

"Pressure is on a re-

feree's physical and mental ability, with the requirement to perform at the top level for 52 weeks in the year.

"Nowhere else in the world is this sort of pressure placed on referees".

Bambridge recalls his 17 years of top level refereeing with relish, continually halting a conversation as he reflects on odd moments which stand out for their often humorous and sometimes dramatic value.

In his recollections that World Cup finals match finds a pride of place.

SPECIAL REPORT

BY GREG BLAKE

"I've got a feeling that I will be remembered for that game", he laughs.

"But for me personally, there were no problems at all.

"If it happened again tomorrow I'd give the same decision again.

"The way I remember it, there was a corner which was cleared about 20 metres away by a Brazilian defender and my linesman moved out with the ball.

"The Spanish player, I don't even recall his name, hit the ball from about 25 metres out and it hit the woodwork and bounced out.

"About 24 replay cameras showed it had gone in and another 24 showed it hadn't.

"That was it and, contrary to newspaper reports, there were no ramifications after the event and I was running the lines in the quarter finals.

"It was probably worse here at home, where my wife and family had to have police guarding our front door.

"They were subject to abusive phone calls and my daughters were even abused at school.

"But things had calmed down by the time I returned home, although the insinuations about bribes and the like have always lived with me and my family".

Verbal and sometimes physical abuse, allegations of bribetaking and scandal and working in an often friendless environment are part and parcel of the lot of referees.

What is less well known is the drama and intrigue between the referees themselves, particularly at the top level.

Bambridge says the refereeing business is "ruthless" and extremely competitive at international level.

"At that level there is professional jealousy, there is bitchiness", he admits.

"It is more competitive than you could ever imagine.

"I suppose mainly because the game at that level revolves around one thing — appointments".

But he refuses to dwell on the down side of his much-loved profession, preferring instead to recall the magic moments of his own career, moments he thinks back on and reveals a typically impish Bambridge grin.

Like the time he nearly suffered his ultimate embarrassment on the greatest day of his refereeing life.

The year was 1985 and Bambridge had been selected to referee the very first under-16 World Cup Final in front of 80,000 people in the Chinese capital of Beijing.

The first time a referee from a non-European or South American country had had charge of such an prestigious event.

With some justification Bambridge was sucking in the enormity of the occasion, watching in pride as the Aussie team on the terraces raised a 'Well Done Chris' banner in his honour and listening as the national anthems wafted through the loudspeaker system.

"I was so cool and calm — until I realised that I hadn't taken a whistle out with me", he says as he bursts into laughter.

"It was the first time I'd wished that FIFA had issued us with brown uniforms rather than black ones.

"For sure I panicked, but fortunately Andy Roxburgh (then a FIFA official) realised what was happening and was able to dash away and get a whistle for me just as the anthems finished playing".

The 1985 youth finals proved a bittersweet affair for Bambridge.

He calls that final the pinnacle of his career but also recalls his appointment to that game as the first time he became truly aware of the cut-throat nature of his trade.



Top whistler CHRIS BAMBRIDGE.

"When we (the referees) were told of the appointments, well, let's just say that the reaction of my colleagues from the bigger nations was not what I had hoped it would be", he says.

"I was thrilled but it wasn't until I rang my wife at 3 am in the morning that my emotions got the better of me".

Bambridge was no overnight success.

His senior appointments at the 1981 and 1983 World Youth Cup finals, the 1986 World under-16 finals, the 1986 senior World Cup finals and the 1988 Olympic Games finals came about thanks to more than ten years of hard work and dedication.

But even Bambridge admits that he had to be

pushed down the refereeing path, by a certain Ron Atkinson, no less.

It was during what was a hardly distinguished career with Kettering Town reserves that Bambridge found his true vocation in the game, with the then new manager Atkinson advising the future whistler that his time with the club would be better served running the line for the club's A team, rather than wasting his time as a player.

1983 was the year Bambridge recalls as his breakthrough season, as he was called up as part of the refereeing panel for the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico.

It was after controlling a crucial Brazil — Argentina fixture in front of 120,000 screeching fans that he says he felt proud in the knowledge that referees from Australia and Oceania could hold their own with anybody in the world.

"I think that gave me the confidence to take me through the rest of my career", he told ABSW.

"I suppose that being invited to the 1986 World Cup Finals was my greatest thrill, if not my greatest achievement.

It all started way back in '79

Bambridge received his FIFA nomination in June of 1979, and had to travel to Noumea to referee a New Zealand v Fiji full international as the first of the then two obligatory 'A' internationals needed to qualify for a FIFA badge.

The day of his badge presentation was one he'll never forget.

It was the day the Socceroos took on Mexico at Olympic Park in Melbourne, the second of a series of internationals between the two countries.

The opening international of the series, played just a matter of days beforehand in Sydney, had been, quite literally, a bloodbath.

"Yes, no doubt that that match in Melbourne was the most violent I've refereed", says Bambridge.

"I did not want to go out for the second half, it's as simple as that.

"I can't remember how many players I booked that day but just about every referee I know has got a tape of that match and I'm always being reminded of it".



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blows the whistle on big time soccer THAT GOAL

"Normally you find out by receiving a letter from FIFA in Zurich, but I got a phone call from Sydney sportswriter Tom Anderson.

"It didn't matter because my initial reaction was one of shock.

Within two years the transformation was complete, even though Bambridge came within an ace of failing his English referee's examination after a mistake he made over a 'Subuteo' table soccer game.

The 'Subuteo' test was then part and parcel of the exam, with the potential referee asked to make his judgements according to scenarios planned on the table game by the examination panel.

Bambridge scored 99 of a possible 100 points.

He failed to count that the blue team had started the 'match' with 12 players on the field.

Needless to say that the lesson sunk in and Bambridge has almost obsessively made the obligatory player count before each of his multitude of games since.

He came to Australia in 1974 as a fully fledged grade one ref, debuting in Melbourne at a Waverley City — North Carlton game.

"I suddenly found myself on a field with 22 people I wouldn't speak to", he says.

"That was some initiation.

"My first NSL match was one I also remember.

"It happened to be a South Melbourne Hellas — Fitzroy Alexander derby game and I had never refereed in front of so many people in my life.

"That was the day my linesman, Mike Gaut, had to literally drag me on to the field".

"For the next three months I'm not certain that I gave 100 percent in any game here for fear of getting injured.

"It's funny that people don't think about referees like that, but, just like players, a big event is just that to a referee".

Perhaps the most obvious character trait of Bambridge's these days (post-refereeing) is his ability to recall the humorous side of the game.

Like the best comedian, he's got dozens of stories to tell of the humorous side of the

game, an aspect of the game we often tend to forget.

He tells of the time he had to be hidden away in his Singapore hotel after refereeing an Olympic qualifier in which Kuwait lost for the first time in its history to fierce Middle Eastern rival Saudi Arabia.

Or the time when he was asked to allow a 20 minute half time break during a World Cup qualifier in Kuwait, so as to allow sufficient prayer time at the mosque in the stadium itself.

Or the occasion when famous English referee Keith Hackett nearly met his Waterloo at the 1988 Olympic Games finals in South Korea.

Bambridge was running the line for Hackett in that Olympic Games quarter final, with the match finishing level at full time and again after 30 minutes of extra time.

"At the end of extra time I ran toward Hackett, in readiness for the penalty shoot-out", says Bambridge, taking up the story.

"I couldn't believe it when I got up close to him and he said: 'What the f--- do we do now?'

"Believe it or not, in all Keith Hackett's experience he had never been involved in a match which had gone down to penalties before".

There can be no doubt that C. Bambridge has bowed out on a high note, as senior referee at the 1991 NSL Grand Final.

According to him the

magnificent all-Melbourne grand final was another highlight of his long and distinguished career, and a game of which he is rightfully

proud to have been associated with.

He says that game was his crowning glory.

"And I can tell you for certain that I will not be coming back", he said.

"I've had a wonderful career, there are so many great memories, so many people I would like to thank publicly.

"The memories are important.

"As a referee you are not supposed to be conscious of individual players, but as a human being, when you are running on the same park as the likes of Beckenbauer and Maradona, you can't really help it.

"You think about it afterwards and know that they are things you will never forget".

For the record, Bambridge rates 'Kaiser Franz' as his greatest-ever after seeing the brilliant West German in action in Australia for New York Cosmos.



Bambridge surrounded by Spanish and Brazilian players after his controversial no-goal decision in Mexico in 1986.

Diego was a real pain in the butt

The hardest player to control?

"I'd have to say Maradona", he explains.

"I found him to be obnoxious, foul-mouthed and basically a bit of a sook".

"As you would expect, some players were more difficult than others, some games harder than others.

"But generally I've loved every minute of it.

"I remember about ten days after returning from the 1986 World Cup finals and having to referee a local match between Hamlyn Rangers and Geelong.

"There were probably about 120 people there and after the match a local reporter asked me what kept me going.

"I said that that was what kept me going — that games like that one, which were my bread and butter.

"What I always kept in my mind was that in each game I was involved in, to at least 23 people, that game WAS important".



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Winning run

WORLD-famous ultra-marathon runner Yannis Kourou has secured \$40,000 in sponsorship for Heidelberg.

Kourou is now the full-time marketing manager of the NSL club and is also in charge of the club juniors' physical training programme.

Heidelberg president Peter Tsalkis says the sponsorship money, provided by Southern Motors in Flemington Road, will be used to further the Berbers' youth programme.

"Developing our

TONY Dorigo, Leeds United's Stg1.3 million (\$A2.83 million) summer signing from Chelsea, is included in the squad for the club's Irish tour less than a month after a double-hernia operation.

own youngsters like South Melbourne and Sunshine George Cross have done in Victoria is our top priority this season," Tsalkis said.

Aurelio off

SOCCEROO midfielder-cum-striker Aurelio Vidmar flew off to Belgium last week.

The Adelaide City star has joined Kortrijk, the club that just missed relegation last season when Jason Polak played for them.

Kortrijk have paid \$250,000 transfer fee to Adelaide City for their gifted player, who is likely to make an instant impact in Belgium where he will showcase his considerable talents.

After the big money dished out by FC

Sean is back

TWENTY-two-year-old goalkeeper Sean Lahiff, the Sydney boy made good in Finland, is back in Australia.

Lahiff made history by becoming the first Australian to play in Finnish football when he turned out for Kuopio for two seasons.

The once mighty club, however, fell on tough times recently and have now disbanded their soccer team.

Lahiff, who was very popular with the fans in Finland, has had offers from Germany (Augsburg) and from the French Second Division, but he has decided to con-

tinue his career in Australia.

He wants to play here for the next two or three seasons as he knows that a goalkeeper does not mature until his late 20s

and well into his thirties.

So time is on the side of this talented young keeper, who would be an asset to any club in the land.

— LOU GAUTIER



BIG goalkeeper Bobby Catlin has signed on again for Marconi for another season.

Bobby ended all speculation on a possible transfer when he signed the dotted line for the Fairfilders last week.

"I'm more than happy to stay with Marconi and I'm looking forward to a bumper season," he said.

Catlin is one of the finest custodians in Australian football and this looks a wise move by the Marconi club.



OSCAR CRINO at his peak.

FORMER Soccerroo midfield maestro Oscar Crino is confident he will be back in top form next year.

The Preston star underwent surgery on his knee two weeks ago.

It was a delicate operation as he had to have his leg broken and

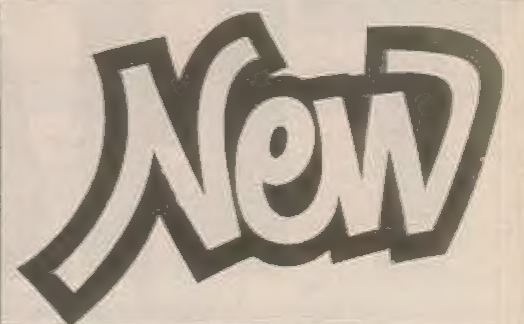
straightened in the operation.

He will be wearing a brace until the first week of September and hopes to start physiotherapy by the middle of next month.

"I should have been operated on 12 months ago. It would have saved a lot of time," Crino said.

"I have every reason to believe I should be back training in November and have set January 1 as the date for my return to Preston's first team.

"I desperately want to get my career back on track and have not given up hope of making the Soccerroo squad for a shot at the 1994 World Cup finals."



For the first time in Australian sporting history, the senior executives of the four major football codes, Mr John Quayle (NSW Rugby League), Mr Alan Schwab (AFL), Mr Peter Russell (National Soccer League) and Mr Robert Fordham (Australian Rugby Football Union) and the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Sports Commission, Mr Jim Ferguson, have joined together to select the 1991 Yardley Gold Footballer of the Year.

Launched at the Sydney Football Stadium recently, the Awards are unique in that they encompass the four major football codes played in Australia.

The objective of the Award said Jim Ferguson was to select a fine Australian athlete whose chosen sport is football.

The formation of the panel to select the final winner is not the only change to the 1991 Yardley Gold Award.

Last year, the list of nominations (one from each club from each code) was chosen by a media panel.

This year they were chosen by the clubs themselves based on a tough set of criteria. (Best and Fairest, Best Athlete, Most Improved Player, Ambassador to Code and Club, Outstanding Performances and Skill Level).

From these nominations, the public will vote for their favourite player in their favourite code on entry forms

available through newspapers, pharmacies and self-selection stores where Yardley Gold products are sold.

The player receiving the most votes in each code becomes the winner for that code and will receive \$5,000 each in Gold Bullion. Last year's prize for each code winner was \$1,000.

This will give the panel the four finalists from which they will choose the overall winner, also based on a list of criteria. The winner then receives a further \$5,000 of Gold Bullion and his name added to the Yardley Gold Footballer of the Year perpetual trophy.

Peter Russell, General Manager of the National Soccer League believes the combination of the public voting and the panel selection makes the Yardley Gold Award very prestigious and exciting.

"There is so much hype and often controversy surrounding all four codes of football these days. The Yardley Gold Award gives us a real opportunity to focus on the sportsmanship issues of the sport as a whole for a change", he said.

The public also get a chance to win great prizes including Grand Final Footy tickets, and \$5,000 in Gold Bullion.

Yardley Managing Director, Tony Clark said of the Award, "We are thrilled with the standard of nominations for this year, and are very appreciative of the codes for their tremendous support. We feel the revised method of judging makes the Award fairer and definitely more meaningful."

Previous winners of the Yardley Gold Footballer of the Year Award have been:
1990-Paul Salmon (AFL) 1989-Tim Watson (AFL)
1988-Michael O'Connor (League)

National Soccer League Award Contenders

Adelaide City — Milan Ivanovic
Apia Leichhardt — Milan Blagojevic
Heidelberg United — Jeff Olver
Marconi — Paul Okon
Melbourne Croatia — Josip Biskic
Melita Eagles — Marshall Soper
Preston Makedonia — Andrew Zinni
South Melbourne Hellas — Steve Blair
St. George BSC — John Filan
Sunshine GC — David Clarkson
Sydney Croatia — Velemir Kupresak
Sydney Olympic — Andrew Bernal
Wollongong City — David Green
Wollongong Makedonia — Peter Wilson

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SOCCER POOLS



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VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2	KNOX CITY	ESSENDON C.	1
	PT. MELBOURNE	WESTGATE	2
	S.H. POLONIA	CLIFTON HILL	3
	DONCASTER	SANDRINGHAM	4
	KEILOR	DANDENONG	5
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 3	GEELONG	CHELSEA	6
	NUNAWADING	BR' MEADOWS	7
	RICHMOND	ALTONA CITY	8
	BENTLEIGH	BRIGHTON	9
	SUNBURY UTD.	WAVERLEY	10
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 4	FITZROY CITY	SEAFOUR UTD.	11
	ELTHAM UTD.	SPRINGVALE U.	12
	OAKLEIGH SUBS.	CORIO UTD.	13
	MOORABBIN	CLAYTON	14
	LALOR UTD.	CLARINDA	15
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 5	HEIDELBERG C.	EAST BRUNS. U.	16
	NORTH PERTH	ATHENA	17
	KELMSCOTT	KINGSWAY	18
	ROCKINGHAM	STIRLING MAC.	19
	SORRENTO	SPEARWOOD	20
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 6	BALGA	MELVILLE	21
	BASSEDEAN	INGLEWOOD	22
	DIANELLA	GOSNELLS	23
	EAST PERTH	FERNDAL U.	24
	FORRESTFIELD	WHITFORD C.	25
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 7	WANNEROO	OSBORNE PK.	26
	STIRLING T.P.	SWAN CRAC.	27
	LION GRANGE	HELLAS	28
	W.T. BIRKALLA	CROATIA	29
	ADELAIDE C.	POLONIA	30
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 8	BEOGRAD	AZZURRI	31
	SALISBURY	MODBURY	32
	BLACKWOOD	PARA HILLS	33
	DARRA UTD.	CAPALABA	34
	OXLEY UTD.	KENMORE R.	35
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 9	CLAIRVAUX	SAMFORD R.	36
	UNIVERSITY	SOUTHIDE	37
	TOOWONG	VIRGINIA UTD.	38
	RESERVE MATCHES		
	LANGWARRIN	MORNINGTON	39
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 10	REGENT	PASCOE VALE	40
	BORONIA	HAMLYN R.	41
	S. DANDENONG	CRANBOURNE	42
	SPRING. COND.	HAWTHORN	43
	ROSANNA	KARINGAL UTD.	44
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 11	GERALDTON	ASHFIELD	45
	COCKBURN UTD.	ARMADALE PK.	46
	CANNING	BALCATT A ETNA	47
	BOORAGOON	WEST YUGAL	48
	MORLEY	UNIVERSITY	49
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 12	NORTH LAKE	STIRLING VASTO	50
	PERTH CITY	SUBIACO	51
	QUEENS PK.	SWAN IC.	52
	SEAFOUR	OMONIA	53
	CENTRAL DIST.	ELIZABETH	54
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 13	CUMBERLAND U.	CAMPBELLTOWN	55
	PT. ADELAIDE	NOARLUNGA U.	56
	OLYMPIANS	ENFIELD CITY	57
	JUVVENTUS	RAVENSWOOD	58
	GEORGE TOWN	WHITE EAGLES	59
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 14	LAUNCESTON	WESTERN SUBS.	60
	OLYMPIC	ULVERSTON	61
	SOMERSET	ST. LEONARDS	62
	KINGSBOROUGH	TAROONA	63
	HOWRAH	UNIVERSITY	64

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MATCH RESULTS

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VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 1	BELL PARK	RINGWOOD C.	1	1-1
	ESSENDON C.	FRANKSTON P.	2	2-2*
	ALTONA CITY	NUNAWADING	3	3-0
	BR' MEADOWS	GEELONG	4	2-0
	CHELSEA	S.H. POLONIA	5	3-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2	CLIFTON HILL	KEILOR	6	1-0
	DANDENONG	DONCASTER	7	0-1
	WAVERLEY	BENTLEIGH	8	1-2
	BRIGHTON	RICHMOND	9	1-0
	SANDRINGHAM	SUNBURY UTD.	10	1-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 3	EAST BRUNS. U.	ELTHAM UTD.	11	1-0*
	CLARINDA	HEIDELBERG C.	12	1-0
	MORELAND U.	LALOR UTD.	13	2-1
	CORIO UTD.	MOORABBIN	14	2-0
	SEAFOUR UTD.	OAKLEIGH SUBS.	15	2-2*
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 4	SPRINGVALE U.	FITZROY CITY	16	2-1
	BAYSWATER	ROCKINGHAM	17	1-0
	KELMSCOTT	SORRENTO	18	0-3
	STIRLING MAC.	SPEARWOOD	19	0-0
	OSBORNE PK.	BALGA	20	0-1
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 5	MELVILLE	BASSEDEAN	21	1-0
	INGLEWOOD	DIANELLA	22	0-4
	GOSNELLS	EAST PERTH	23	2-3
	FERNDAL U.	FORRESTFIELD	24	3-2
	SWAN CRAC.	WANNEROO	25	0-2
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 6	WHITFORD C.	STIRLING T.P.	26	2-2*
	BLACKWOOD	MODBURY	27	0-0
	AZZURRI	SALISBURY	28	1-1*
	POLONIA	BEOGRAD	29	0-1
	CROATIA	ADELAIDE C.	30	1-1*
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 7	HELLAS	W.T. BIRKALLA	31	3-0
	PARA HILLS	LION GRANGE	32	2-1
	CAPALABA	BEENLEIGH	33	1-3
	BURNIE	JUVVENTUS	34	2-4
	CROATIA	DEVONPORT	35	0-0
VIC. STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 8	RAVENSWOOD	GEORGE TOWN	36	1-5
	WHITE EAGLES	LAUNCESTON	37	1-2
	WESTERN SUBS.	OLYMPIC	38	P/P



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 5/8/91 — WEEK 314

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED												NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED									
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63	52	51	62	61	65	64	60	2	5	2	8	7	6	6	1						
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65	74	68	80	67	66			10	11	2	3	1	1								

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 314 SAT 3 AUGUST, 1991

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
2, 11, 15, 26, 28, 30.
Supplementary Number: 1.

VIC SENIORS

STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO	
Richmond	22 10 2 2 47 14 36
Altona City	23 14 6 3 45 24 34
Brookmans	24 11 7 6 37 28 28
Cheltenham	24 12 4 8 44 30 26
Doncaster	24 9 8 6 37 29 27
Geelong	24 12 3 9 47 46 27
Kelso	22 9 7 7 34 31 28
Clifton Hill	22 8 6 9 32 25 22
Stirling Utd.	23 8 6 9 29 20 22
Waverley City	24 9 3 12 38 42 21
Stirling Utd.	23 8 4 11 42 41 20
Waverley City	23 8 3 12 38 42 21
Geelong	24 7 3 14 23 46 17
Doncaster	24 4 6 12 31 41 16
Brighton	24 5 8 13 22 36 16
Stirling Utd.	23 5 8 13 22 36 16



STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE	
Clifton Hill	21 12 6 1 42 22 32
Geelong	22 13 6 3 35 16 32
East Brunswick	22 12 5 5 44 22 29
Seaford	21 12 2 7 38 29 28
Corio Geelong	22 11 4 7 27 23 28
Et. D. Valley	21 8 9 4 34 23 25
Cheltenham	22 8 8 6 28 28 24
Moreland Utd.	22 9 9 7 23 25 21
Springvale Utd.	22 8 8 6 22 29 29
Lalor Utd.	21 8 2 11 29 29 28
Moreland Utd.	22 7 3 12 28 48 17
Pittsby City	22 6 4 12 25 47 19
Holland Park	22 3 5 14 28 35 11
Heldburg City	22 1 5 16 13 42 7

STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE RESERVES	
Seaford United	22 17 4 1 62 17 38
Clifton Hill	22 18 6 4 37 27 28
East Brunswick	22 9 4 42 28 27
Moreland Utd.	22 9 8 5 38 28 28
Lalor Utd.	21 8 4 26 14 28
Moreland Utd.	22 10 3 9 48 37 22
Fitzroy City	21 8 6 7 33 32 22
Et. D. Valley	22 6 10 6 33 32 22
Cheltenham	22 7 8 7 31 34 22
Geelong	22 6 6 8 29 33 22
Springvale Utd.	22 6 5 9 36 38 21
Corio Geelong	22 4 14 23 53 12
Holland Park	22 4 3 15 28 32 11
Heldburg City	22 2 18 18 72 6

STATE LEAGUE DIV FOUR	
Regent	28 12 6 2 41 16 30
Stirling Utd.	19 12 5 2 35 12 29
Cranebourne	20 9 8 3 25 16 29
Karling Utd.	20 10 5 5 24 23 25
Morlingham	21 8 8 5 31 32 24
Yarraville	19 8 8 3 31 32 21
Yarraville	21 7 7 7 32 32 21
Rossmore	20 7 2 11 32 29 16
Howell City	20 6 4 10 29 31 16
Langwarrin	21 5 6 10 18 28 16
Berwick	21 4 6 11 24 38 14
Springvale Utd.	20 3 3 14 16 38 9

S.A.

FIRST DIVISION	
West Adelaide	19 13 4 2 47 15 30
Salisbury	19 11 7 1 42 16 29
E.D. Azzurri	19 8 6 5 27 16 22
Para Hills	19 8 4 6 34 28 22
Croftville	19 8 4 7 33 26 20
Adelaide City	19 8 5 6 33 24 18
Modbury	19 5 8 6 19 18 18
W.T. Birkalla	19 7 2 10 15 27 18
USC Lion	19 5 5 9 17 34 15
Polonia	19 6 2 12 26 35 14
Beograd	19 5 5 9 16 29 13
Blackwood	19 1 3 15 9 53 5

QUEENSLAND

DIVISION TWO	
Elizabeth City	15 9 2 3 20 11 21
Olympians	15 7 5 3 26 17 19
Campbelltown	15 7 2 6 19 24 16
Seaford	15 7 3 5 24 17 17
Port Adelaide	15 6 3 6 14 16 15
CDAPAC	15 5 6 4 21 18 16
Cumberland	15 3 7 5 14 17 13
Enfield City	15 5 2 8 16 20 12
Omonia	17 4 5 6 14 15 13
Noarlunga	15 2 4 9 14 27 8

TASMANIA

SOUTHERN	
University SC	16 12 0 4 44 22 36
Howrah Utd.	16 10 2 4 37 18 32
Rapid SC	16 8 4 3 30 20 31
Olympia-SBT	16 8 5 3 31 18 29
Hobart Juventus	15 8 5 2 37 17 29
Taroona SC	17 8 3 6 40 39 27
South Hobart SC	16 5 4 7 31 35 19
Hobart City SC	14 5 2 7 33 34 17
Caledonian SC	17 3 4 10 26 52 13
White Eagles SC	17 2 6 9 31 39 12
K'borough USC	15 2 5 8 16 37 11
Metro Clare SC	16 2 4 10 19 44 10

W.A.

FIRST DIVISION RD 20	
Canning C.	20 13 3 4 55 20 29
Armadale Park	20 13 3 4 50 20 29
Swan IC	20 14 1 5 41 22 29
Cockburn Utd	20 12 4 4 42 30 28
Queens Park	20 9 7 4 41 27 25
Ashfield Dyn	20 10 3 7 34 29 23
Western Yugal	20 9 5 6 31 45 23
Stirling Vasto	20 9 3 8 40 43 21
Perth City	20 6 8 5 48 35 20
North Lake E	20 8 4 6 54 47 20
Geelong La F	20 6 8 6 33 39 18
University	20 4 5 10 26 39 14
Booragoon Z	20 5 2 13 28 50 12
Mokey Wind	20 4 3 13 23 37 11
Balcatta Etna	20 4 2 14 30 64 10
Subiaco Strling	20 1 6 13 24 53 8

Premier League RD 18

P W D L F A Pts	
Wanneroo Brit	18 11 6 1 30 14 28
Ferndale Utd	18 9 5 4 47 23 23
Bassendean C	18 10 3 5 37 22 23
Salga SC	18 11 1 6 33 24 23
Melville Alem	18 8 6 4 31 20 22
Forrestfield Utd	18 6 9 3 33 29 21
Inglewood Kev	18 8 5 5 34 31 21
Diana Soria	18 8 4 6 36 23 28
Swan Croatia	18 8 2 8 31 25 18
Stirling Tescany	18 5 8 5 30 27 18
East Perth V	18 4 6 8 21 29 14
Osborne Pk G	18 2 5 11 18 41 9
Gosnells City	18 3 2 13 17 48 8
Whitford City	18 1 2 15 18 60 4

XXXX TWO

P W D L F A Pts	
Grange This	19 12 4 3 45 18 40
Inala City	19 10 3 6 44 34 33
Willowburn	19 9 5 5 31 23 32
The Gap	19 10 2 7 23 20 32
Lutwyche	19 9 4 6 33 28 31
Olympic	19 6 5 8 37 24 29
Wynnum	19 8 4 7 26 28 28
St Albans	19 8 2 9 34 33 23
Newmarket	19 7 2 10 36 50 23
St Helens	19 5 5 9 23 28 20
Annerley	19 5 2 12 23 33 17
Goodna	19 3 2 14 17 55 11

For Past Results and

Austral fly

BHP AUSTRAL 3
SOUTHERN DIST 0

ANOTHER three points for BHP Austral on Saturday gave their top five chances a boost, when they easily accounted for Southern Districts 3-0 at Austral Park.

The visitors were disappointing, never settling into any rhythm or pattern of play and they troubled Craig Carter in the Australs goal only twice.

Before the Newcastle side had taken the lead, reserve goalie Haydah Arslan had been replaced with late arrival Tony Pezzano, but the change hardly made any difference as Australs got the goals they needed with a minimum of difficulty.

In the 43rd minute David Lowe headed the ball against the bar after a Bobby Naumov corner and quickly pounced on the rebound to put his side a goal up.

In the 62nd Tony Genovese, certainly one of the few Districts players to shine, got the better of Mike Boogard, who had lost a boot in trying to clear the ball and sent in a shot which deflected off a team mate and was smothered by Craig Carter.

Australs went two up in the 69th, Lowe working away down the left, bringing Dean McWhirter into the action, who in turn put Howard Tredinnick in space where he produced a neat finish from a range of about 15 metres.

The third came in the 71st Naumov tearing shreds in a disorganised defence before being tugged down by Bruno Ciaramella and after which a penalty was awarded.



FIRST DIVISION
COMPILED BY
PAUL GOODWIN

Boogard converted the spot kick with little difficulty.

Mike Johnson's men did not offer much on the day, their best effort perhaps being Peter Murray's 20 metre shot in the 65th which Carter saved in spectacular fashion, although always appearing to have the ball covered.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Roberts, Jones, Boogard, Elphick, Tredinnick, McWhirter (Gresham 76), Bailey, Lowe, Maier, Naumov.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Arslan (Pezzano 18), Genc, Canosa, Moon Cheung, Cianamella, Gregson, Serbas, Genovese, Card, Read (Tapia 70, Senol 88), Murray.

REFEREE: Dennis Bartlett.

BLACKTOWN CITY 6
MANLY NS 1

BLACKTOWN City toyed with luckless Manly North Shore at the Gabbie on Sunday, running out 6-1 winners following a flowing game which saw plenty of goal-mouth action.

There was only ever going to be one winner and Manly North Shore, with an eye to the future, took the opportunity to blood some of their younger prospects.

A 12th minute free kick by Gabe O'Carroll sent Tim Greenaway down the right wing for a run and the cross rebounded off the crossbar, surprising Mike Gibson, but there was no-one on hand to pick up the pieces.

After a Paul Bourke run Stan Suman was denied by the defence in the 16th as The Demons began to pile on the pressure by that stage and it wasn't long before they hit the front.

A corner on the right was swung over by Peter Bennett and Dominic Longo used his height advantage well to out-jump the defence and head past Manly 'keeper Andrew Prentice.

Prentice did not enjoy one of his better games and failed to collect the ball from a corner on the left in the 27th.

Craig Williams had put the ball over and Geoff Gunning slammed it into the net when it fell handily at his feet as a result of the goalie's inability to hold onto the ball.

Some uncertainty in the visitors' defence in the 33rd allowed Lawrie McKinna to gain possession and plant the ball into an unguarded net.

For Manly, a first half header by Matco Farac was just over and a free kick by Adam Cianfar had to be pushed around the post by Mike Gibson.

The second period was much the same story, Blacktown adding to their 3-0 half time lead with a 68th minute goal by substitute Matthew Heighway who had time to switch the ball to his right foot after a tremendous run by Paul Bourke and subsequent cross.

Heighway provided the lofted cross for McKinna's second in the 70th, before Manly North Shore pulled one back.

Gabe O'Carroll persisted down the right touchline and cut the ball back for a header by Matco Farac at the far post.

The Demons finished a profitable day with a sixth in the 90th minute McKinna getting his hat-trick in finishing of another Heighway cross from the right.

McKinna, in the process, joined the leading goalscorers with ten for the season, having begun

the year somewhat out of form.

Blacktown looked very much a championship chasing side, while the experience gained by the Manly North Shore youngsters, debut boy Simon Rhead and Youth League player Matthew

Lowe enjoying a start for the first time, having come on as substitute in recent games, will be very useful.

BLACKTOWN CITY: M. Gibson, Longo, Bennett, Northam, Mason, Callanan, Suman (Heighway 55), McKinna, Bourke

(Xuereb 70), Gunning.

MANLY NORTH SHORE UNITED: Prentice, Greenaway, Rhead (Medanic 75), Miliceni, Doyle, McGregor, Cianfar, O'Carroll, Moss, Farac, Lowe (White 75).

REFEREE: John Bowdler.

Strong finish

W'GAH F WATER 1
R DALE ILINDEN 3

WARRINGAH and Rockdale enjoyed a tight premiership battle at Cromer Park on Sunday, with Rockdale coming from a goal down at half time to run away winners 3-1.

The opening goal came in the fifth minute, Jose Iriarte scoring with a brilliant diving header after a corner on the right had been nodded on at the near post by Robert de Ceglie.

Mendo Ralevski provided Rockdale with their only two chances in the first half, headers over in the 30th and 40th minutes.

Rockdale showed their nose for goals in the second period, capitalising on some defensive lapses to hit the front.

In the 52nd a long through ball out of Rockdale's defence appeared to be safely covered by Mark Brown, who had the speed to beat a lurking Scott Deveridge.

Brown's back pass, however, was underhit and Deveridge was able to steal the ball before Peter Gunning could collect it and tucked the ball into the net from 10 metres, the ball trickling over the line.



Freshwater missed ace midfielder Vic Masi who was out suspended in this game.

which Gunning blocked.

A long throw by Deveridge found Porter waiting unattended at the near post in the 85th and after a quick chest down and turn, the ball was left-footed into the net from an acute angle putting the issue beyond doubt.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Gunning, Ethe-

rlington, Brown, Sterrey, Pierce, Miranda, Versi, Dean (Sergas 46, Callcott 75), de Ceglie, Iriarte, McKie.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Franken, Segreto, Lerond, Ralevski, Buchanan (Lazarevski 85), Deveridge, Naumovski, Markovski, Wilson, Porter, Beddoni (Petrovski 75).

REFEREE: John McConnell.

Top form

C'BURY M'VILLE 7
POLONIA 1

After a period in the doldrums Canterbury took out their frustrations on a depleted Polonia, winning 7-1 after holding a 3-0 half time lead.

Nick Oustambasidis opened with a five metre drive in the 8th minute and then set up Zoran Ilic with the second in the 18th.

Charlie Yankos almost made it three in the 21st when he volleyed the ball sent over from a corner by Peter Katholos, centimetres over the bar.

The third goal came in the 30th, George Kalogeras giving Louis Dounis the chance to chip the young Polonia 'keeper Gary McPhee from about ten metres.

Ilic missed another chance in the 48th after his shot from an Oustambasidis cross had been blocked by the goalie.

Oustambasidis headed in a Louis Dounis cross in the 58th finding the top corner from five metres.

Con Tsousidis grabbed number five, with a low 12 metre hot going in off the post for the 18 year old midfielder.

Tony Parison made it six in the 68th and then Dounis headed in a seventh before Polonia replied in the 78th with a speedy Jarek Nowicki getting a typical goal.

The convincing win, against a very ordinary Polonia, will give The Berries a tonic as they head for the top five series.

CANTERBURY-MAR-RICKVILLE: Olla, Rezo, Hantzis (Kalogeras 2), Radman, Yankos, Slave-ski, Katholos, Tsousidis, Ilic (Parison 65), Dounis, Oustambasidis.

POLONIA: McPhee, M. Richardson, Kwasniewski, Lasek, Hunter, Gate, Hinton (Caruso 20), Straszewski, Casserley, Cooper, Nowicki.

REFEREE: Chris Smyth.

ROUND 19 RESULTS

POLONIA 1 (Kwasniewski) MANLY NTH SHORE 0, BHP AUSTRAL 3 (Lowe, Tredinnick, Boogard pen) SOUTHERN DISTRICTS 0, CANT/M'VILLE 7 (Oustambasidis 2, Dounis 2, Tsousidis, Ilic, Parison) POLONIA 1 (Nowicki), CANBERRA METRO forfeited to AVALA (A 0-3 loss on the points table), SYDNEY MACEDONIA 0 SUTHERLAND SHIRE 0, BLACKTOWN CITY 6 (Longo, Gunning, McKinna 3, Heighway) MANLY NTH SHORE 1 (Farac), SOUTHERN DISTRICTS 2 (Hagan 2) BHP AUSTRAL 2 (Elphick), WARRINGAH F/WATER 1 (Iriarte) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 3 (Leveridge, Porter 2).

SEVEN DIV	GRADE 1
Kingsgrove A	14 10 20 2 26 9 34
Spilary Cruties	14 8 50 2 34 16 34
Western Suburbs	14 9 20 3 27 18 31
Artillery S.C.	14 7 30 4 23 18 27
Salvadorians Home	15 6 30 6 22 17 24
Maristville S.C.	14 6 20 6 26 15 22
Club Calabris	14 5 20 7 17 20 19
Rockdale Youth	14 2 10 11 15 40 8
Calabris	14 1 0 13 11 37 3

SEVEN DIV	GRADE 2
Spilary Cruties	15 11 0 1 3 36 15 34
Rockdale Youth	14 11 0 0 3 42 17 33
Kingsgrove A	14 10 10 3 25 11 32
Western Suburbs	14 4 4 2 23 24 22
Artillery S.C.	14 5 20 7 40 39 19
M'ville S.C.	14 5 20 7 23 20 19
Calabris	14 4 11 6 17 26 15
Salvadorians A	15 2 2 2 0 12 33 12
Club Calabris	14 2 2 0 10 17 30 10

No goals!

SYDNEY MACEDONIA
S LAND SHIRE 0

SYDNEY Macedonia again failed to take their chance against Sutherland, the scores remaining blank after 90 minutes.

Goalkeepers had a big say in proceedings, particularly Paul Dart for Sutherland.

Dart smothered a Zoki Adioski shot in the 7th, but tumbled a cross in the 11th only for Adioski to fluff his chance.

The efforts of Scott Gilbert were to no avail, just over the bar in the 52nd and wide in the 78th.

Harry Christadoulou made a good run in the 47th weaving his way through before hitting the left post and watching the ball run along the goalline and past the far post before Michael

Lardis could finish off the move.

Dart made his best save of the game in the 83rd and Adioski, but Antoine Avellino, in saving from Tony Brandtman in the 89th, was the hero as Sutherland looked like stealing the point at the death.

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Bozkovski, Reveley, Pilovski, Koczka Surjan, Kotsias, Adioski, Gilbert, Kadric.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Lardis, Edmunds, M. O'Shea, Biscaya, R. O'Shea, Christadoulou, Leney, Clinch, Bard, Sharp (Brandtman 87).

REFEREE: Manny Louplis.

CHANGE

Rockdale Ilinden v Sutherland Shire Saturday August 10 — Jensen Park

Reversal

SOUTHERN DIST 2
BHP AUSTRAL 1

IT was a different story on Sunday when Southern Districts staged the return game with BHP Austral.

The Newcastle side never got to grips with the dimensions and surface of the Rangers Stadium pitch and found themselves two goals down after 35 minutes.

Kevin Hagan reappeared in the side and surprised with a finish to a Peter Murray cross in the 14th minute.

Hagan had not played for some time and was a key change from the Saturday side.

Chris Card made it 2-0 in the 35th when his shot deflected slightly off Hagan as it went past Craig Carter.

Australs peppered the Districts' goal after the break, but could not get on target except for a textbook goal by Doug Elphick in the 68th minute.

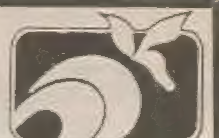
A nice back heel by Bobby Naumov led to a perfect David Lowe cross which Elphick met with a simple tap in to narrow the scores.

In the 80th Naumov hit the bar with a 40 metre dipper, but Districts hung on to collect three more valuable points.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Pezzano, Canosa, Moon Cheung, Ciaramella, Gregson, Genovese, Card, Serbas (Senol), Hagan, Murray, Tapia (R. Pillmer).

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Roberts, Jones, Boogard, Stewart, Tredinnick, McWhirter, Meredith (Elphick 62), D. Lowe, Maier, Naumov.

REFEREE: Gary Power.



ACT victory

BY GRAHAM COOKE

JUBILANT ACT coach Steve Forshaw said he hoped the critics had been answered after his team's stunning 4-1 win over New Caledonia at the Bruce Athletics Field on Saturday.

The result must count as one of the best by the territory against international opposition, and there can be no better confidence-booster for the three-match tour of Fiji which begins on Friday.

Forshaw said there had been considerable criticism of selections for the 16-man squad, but he had stuck with his assertion that these were the best players for the job.

The New Caledonians had the better of the first few minutes, Raymond Wayaridri upsetting the home defence with a series of fast, penetrating runs.

The burly Ferrand Waneissi was also getting into the action and his powerful drive had goalkeeper Manuel Notaras diving more in hope than anticipation before the ball was blocked by a defender.

Something special was needed if the game was not to slip away from the home side and it was provided by Alan Reis after 36 minutes — a 25 metre curling shot from out on the left which had goalkeeper Gilles Tavergeux completely fooled as he watched it into the net.

Jimmy Baxter shot over, but the visitors still had plenty of sting. A goalmouth scramble ended in the ball being laid back to Jean-Jacques Reveillon who forced a quality save from Notaras.

Reveillon was to have better luck with his next attempt, a vicious drive under pressure which Notaras probably never saw.

The ACT needed less than two minutes to restore its lead. Referee John Jenkins judged Jean-Louis Poitchily had pushed Tony Pangallo in the penalty area — Mike Milovanovic knows how to take spot kicks, and the score was 2-1.

With Milovanovic, Baxter, Pangallo, Notaras and Martin Lazzari making way for substitu-

tes at half time, it was not surprising the ACT took a while to re-establish a rhythm. The game suffered as a result but while the new combination might not have been so stylish, it was just as effective as newcomer John Jane beat the off-side trap on the left sending in the perfect ball for busy striker John Walsh to put away.

Inside the last five minutes, and with the New Caledonians clearly tiring, defender Luka Ujdur fooled his opposite numbers by suddenly appearing on the scene to round off a satisfactory day for his side.

Surprisingly, considering he has 23 players at his disposal, visiting coach Serge Martinengo de Novack did not make a single change.

ACT: Notaras (Lyal 46), Thompson, Milovanovic (Robertson 46), Ujdur, Cook, Arthur, Reis, Baxter (Murray 46), Lazzari (Popovich 46), Walsh, Pangallo (Janke 46).

NEW CALEDONIA: Tavergeux, Poitchily, Neogre, Wamytan, Poitchily, Reveillon, Kate, Naperi, Poameno, Wayaridri, Waneissi.

Waverley now on last lap to glory!



WITH a nine point buffer and just three matches to play, Waverley all but wrapped up the title and promotion to the First Division, following their tough 2-2 draw at the Central Coast on Sunday.

Without defeat in their last 14 matches and holding a far superior goal difference to the chasing posse of clubs, Waverley should take the Second Division crown when they battle Petersham in the top of the table clash at Marks Field this weekend.

With nearest rivals Petersham and Dulwich Hill fighting out a virtually fruitless 0-0 draw and Cyprus United beaten 3-1 at Mt Druitt, only a major catastrophe could thwart Waverley's claim to the Championship.

The league leaders failed to get on top of the underrated Coasters, and neither side managed to breach the opponents' goal until 12 minutes from time.

Derek Caisley outran the Waverley defence after latching onto a long clearance from Andrew French, to put the home side in front, but inside a minute Eric Ferguson levelled after sneaking in following a free kick.

In the 85th minute, substitute Barry Walker headed Waverley in front within a minute of coming off the bench, before Matt Garland cracked home a deserved equaliser from all of 35 metres to snatch a draw a minute from time.

While Petersham and Dulwich Hill virtually assured themselves a place in the semi-finals, their lacklustre goalless draw has positively handed Waverley the title on a plate.

Both sides missed a catalogue of chances in an even contest, Petersham, now unbeaten in their last seven matches went closest through Mark Nile, who shot over the top in the 88th minute, while Dulwich



The all — conquering Waverley outfit

Hill's best effort was hit wide by Morson eight minutes from time.

In a sensational clash at Popondetta Park, three players took early showers, as Mt Druitt, with goals from brothers Mark and Darren Pratt upset Cyprus United 3-1.

Unbeaten in their previous five matches, United's faint Championship hopes went out the window, losing two players following professional fouls in the final ten minutes.

Darren Pratt put the home side in front nodding home a cross from the left by Craig Smith after 34 minutes, however Greg Johnson was on hand to bang home the equaliser following a goalmouth scramble on the stroke of half time.

Mt Druitt restored their lead in the 75th minute, Darren Pratt smashing the ball home after a clever short pass from Smith.

The referee marched three players in a hectic five minute spell from the 80th minute, Mt Druitt's David Kerrigan was the first to go, after a second yellow card offence, followed swiftly by two players from Cyprus.

Amongst the controversy Mark Pratt made no mistake from the penalty spot to wrap up the points for the hosts.

Mt Pritchard's sensational run from the bottom of the ladder continued, as they moved into the top five for the first time following their fine 1-0 win at Campbelltown.

Beaten just once in their last nine matches, Mt Pritchard virtually sounded the death knell on Campbell-

town's chances of a semi final berth, with the only goal of the game coming via a Peter Willis penalty after Steve Blackburn handled in the 20th minute.

For the home side, without a win in their last five outings, their week, which included defeat by Gladesville, was summed up by the linesman disallowing what appeared a fair goal, for a foul on keeper Ron Gisbourne, five minutes from time.

Gladesville racked up their third win in a week, scoring three goals in the final four minutes to shock semi final fringe dwellers Granville 5-1.

Paul Mamo booted Gladesville ahead from all of 30 metres after 18 minutes, before Jorge Cerro equalised from the spot after Christian Ortiz was felled nine

minutes later.

Although Mark Smith netted following a free kick in the 53rd minute for the home side, the match remained in the balance until the final minutes.

Two opportunist goals from Gladesville's best, Graeme Williamson, in the 86th and 88th minutes and an own goal in the last minute, sent Granville tumbling from the top five.

Port Hacking, now odds on for the wooden spoon, slumped to their seventh loss on the trot, crashing 5-0 at home to a depleted Auburn.

Auburn without seven regulars, were led on their merry way with a superb hat trick from Mustafa Eideh, with goals in the 20th, 62nd and 70th minutes, while Tony Perinich and Saffet Katovic completed the rout.

Hot stuff!

THE action is hotting up now and some key matches are scheduled for the weekend.

On Saturday two of the most important games take place.

BHP Austral, who failed to collect maximum points from Southern Districts at the weekend will have a last chance to get vital points when they tackle Canterbury at Austral Park.

A very hard game to pick, but the odds favour the home side and a narrow win is forecast, without much confidence.

The same day at Jensen Park, Rockdale plays Sutherland in a critical game, one which is likely to go Sutherland's way as they ensure the minor premiership is in their keeping.

Rockdale are not the most consistent of sides and may find Jensen less to their liking than most grounds, thus the loss of Hurstville Oval will be keenly felt.

A Rockdale win wo-

uld bring them level with the Sharks, but the other way round and a six point gap would open up.

Next day at Cromer, Manly North Shore have probably their last chance to win another game, against Southern Districts, a difficult side to work out.

They have had some good results lately, but can be unpredictable. A home win is probable, because the locals will pull everything out for this one and after the heavy loss to Blacktown, Dez Marton will be determined to get some more points.

Polonia will surely lose to Canberra Metro at Chopin Park. Canberra's semi-final hopes fading fast otherwise and Blacktown should account for Sydney Macedonia whose form away from Jensen is far from impressive.

Finally at the Serbian Centre we expect Warringah to return to the winners list and keep their semi-final prospects alive by handing Avala a hiding.

TOP GOAL SCORERS

10 Scott Gilbert (Syd Mac), Lawrie McKinna (Black).

9 Stewart Porter (Rockdale), Jose Iriarte (Warr), Grant Bard (Sutherland).

8 Tony Lemezina (Canb), Bruno Beddoni (Rock).

6 Robbie O'Shea (Suth), Paul Foster (Canb), Louis Dounis (Cant).

5 Randell Easthorpe (Black), Darryl Sharp (Suth), John McKie (Warr), Ralph Maier (Austral), Osvaldo El Ali (Avala), Geoff Gunn (Black).

4 Sasha Bozkovski (Syd Macedonia), Anthony Versi (Warr), Sasha Spirovski (Syd Mac), Harry Christodoulou (Suth), Rod Wyatt (Pol), John Koch (Canb), Jarek Nowicki (Pol), Stephen Berry (Avala), Dean McWhirter (Austral), Zlatko Markovski (Rock), Scott Deveridge (Rock), Tony Parison (Cant), Zoran Ilic (Cant), Nick Oustambasidis (Cant).

3 Alex Bundalo (Avala), David Ensor (Suth), Peter Katholos (Cant), Shane Clinch (Suth), Fabian Kadric (Syd Mac), Wayne Pierce (Warr), David Lowe (Austral).

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Big cash

Sutherland Shire Soccer Club expects to see as much as \$1 million spent on improving their home ground at Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda, over the next few years.

That should include the erection of a grandstand to seat 1,500 fans under cover, putting the Soccer Sharks right up there with Blacktown City as a highly acceptable venue for the game.

Club president Glen Robinson and his committee are working their fingers to the bone to see the huge project through.

He said: "At this stage we are negotiating with Sutherland Shire Council for a long term lease, as well as with other sporting bodies to obtain sufficient extra land to provide for the redevelopment."

"The former Sutherland Shire licensed Soccer Club has resolved to spend the \$300,000 available from the sale of the club and the winding up of the company on ground improvements."

"Unfortunately the

licensed club proved to be just another in a series of small clubs which could not stand up financially.

"Availability of the proceeds gives us the chance to really get our soccer act together."

"The club is there to provide the best class of football we can achieve for the youth of the district."

"This is a tremendous area for participation in sport, and soccer is the real leader."

"The Sutherland Shire Association for example has 12 all-age grades, and also another four for over-35s."

"Our aim is to add a higher quality of spectator football than has been seen before."

"When the project is completed we expect to play four home games on Saturday nights at the start of the winter season, and another four at the end."

"Our trial run against Blacktown City proved the potential of the idea, even though on that occasion we were unlucky enough to strike about the coldest night of the whole winter up until then to play the game."

A new ball game

BY TOM ANDERSON



NSW PRESIDENT PETER GRAY

THE New South Wales Federation has unveiled big plans to get its show on the road and into the modern era.

Last week at its Parklea Complex, the NSW executive disclosed a bold plan in an attempt to upgrade their standing in the sporting fraternity.

Top of the list was the introduction of a state super league in 1992, with prize money of \$30,000 to the winner of the new competition.

They will also put into action a plan to in-

roduce regional competitions in 1993.

This will come in conjunction with a regional development plan to popularise the code in the country areas.

The NSW Federation feel that for too long soccer in this state has devoted its attention only to the Eastern seaboard with only Canberra gaining any recognition away from the coast.

Also announced was the appointment of a development officer and a media officer.

Another important issue addressed was the present lack of penetration into the school system.

The Federation will now be implementing a two-prong program into the primary school system.

One part will target the children and having high profile players attending schools to make their and their club's presence felt.

The other part of the program will be to have as many primary school

teachers as possible on coaching courses to gain a coaching certificate.

Also in the spotlight was the Waratah State Cup competition which will be enlarged next season.

The aim is to develop the cup into an FA Cup style competition enveloping Australia.

In his opening address NSW President Peter Gray stated that his executive had thoroughly looked into its role over the past 12 months.

"We believe that the areas of responsibility have now been clearly determined and that the Federation will now put in place a plan to ensure the code does progress in the years ahead," he said.

"Progress cannot take place unless there is a rationalisation of ideas and a basis set for the co-operation at all levels of the sport."

"It is pleasing to know that plans which will be put in place over a period of time can come to fruition, mainly because whereby in the past, finance was always a stumbling block."

"We see this as only being a short term concern as the plans for our land here at Parklea will ensure financial support for the future."

It looks an exciting time ahead for the NSW Federation.

If their plans can come to fruition, then soccer in the state will get a big boost.

At last



JAREK NOWICKI

**POLONIA 1
MANLY NS UTD 0**
POLONIA almost certainly assured themselves of safety from relegation when they wore down Manly North Shore at Popondetta Park on Wednesday night.

The difference between the two sides on the night was probably Bruce Thurlow, Polonia's injury scarred goalkeeper just back from another spell on the sidelines.

His work and alertness was invaluable as time and again the Manly side burst into his area during the opening twenty minutes.

Matco Farac and Chris White were also denied by the keeper using his legs and body, on another occasion sweeper Kwasniewski had to cover the stranded keeper to stop a Farac shot.

There were a couple of occasions when even Thurlow could do nothing, but both times the out of touch strikers wasted clear cut chances.

Polonia took the lead when recent import Adam Kwasniewski bent the ball over the wall and into the centre of Andrew Prentice's goal.

From that point Polonia was content to rely on solid defence and the speed of Jarek Nowicki on counter attacks, tactics which they employed to perfection.

Since the Manly team had only scored seven goals all season, four of those against one team, Sydney Macedonia, charges of a turnaround were slim.

Manly did have a goal by Adam Ciantar disallowed for offside, but that apart, Polonia's defence worked to its game plan with the minimum of fuss.

POLONIA: Thurlow, Kwasniewski, Cooper, Sepping (Casserley 30), P. Richardson, Gatt (Hunter 64), Caruso, Strascowski, C. Thompson, M. Richardson, Nowicki.

MANLY NORTH SHORE: Prentice, Greenaway, Doyle, Butler, Milicevic, McGregor, Moss, Ciantar, Grimes (Lowe 46), Farac, White (Lowe 68).

REFEREE: Eric Cohen.

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STATE LEAGUE

ROUND 20

DIVISION 1

SATURDAY AUGUST 10

BHP Austral v Cant/M'ville Austral Park
Rockdale Illinden v Sutherland Shire Seymour Shaw Park

SUNDAY AUGUST 11

Manly North Shore v Southern Dist Cromer Park
Polonia v Canberra Metro Chopin Park
Avala v Warringah F/W Serbian Centre
Blacktown City v Sydney Macedonia Gabbie Stadium

DIVISION 2

SATURDAY AUGUST 10

Waverley v Petersham ES Marks Field

SUNDAY AUGUST 11

Auburn Yugal v Central Coast Mona Park
Dulwich Hill v Gladesville Hby Arlington Oval
Granville Chile v Campbelltown Garside Park
Mt Pritchard v Cyprus United Mt Pritchard Gd
Port Hacking v Mt Druitt Town Seymour Shaw

MATCH TIMES: (unless otherwise stated)

Reserve Grade commences at 12.30pm

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See State League action this week!

Back to school

The NSW Federation will hold two coaching courses at its Valentine Sports Complex at Parklea in November and January. The details are:

LEVEL 2 COURSE (PART A)

THIS course will be held at Valentine Sports Park, Parklea over three (3) full weekends from the 9th to the 24th November, 1991.

It includes Laws of the Game, theory and practical sessions on skills and tactics.

The course costs \$95 and is limited to sixteen (16) participants.

If wishing to enrol please contact Tricia on 629 1800 for an application form.

Applications close on the 30th September, 1991.

LEVEL 3 COURSE (PART A)

THE Level 3 Coaching Course will be held at Valentine Sports Park, Parklea from the 12th to the 17th January, 1992.

This is a fully residential course including: Fully air conditioned twin accommodation; Home style meals; Swimming; Video etc.

All applicants must hold a Level 2 Certificate.

The course is limited to sixteen (16) participants.

Total Cost: \$325.

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Victorian Premier League



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Victorian Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bruns.Utd.Juv.	22	14	5	3	40	9	33
Bulleen	22	11	8	3	41	26	30
MorwellFalcons	22	12	5	5	41	22	29
AltonaGate	22	11	6	5	30	20	28
Fawkner	22	8	9	5	28	25	25
Thomastown	22	10	4	8	26	17	24
St.Albans	22	7	9	6	32	29	23
CroydonCity	22	8	7	7	24	26	23
GreenGully	22	6	10	6	26	27	22
Albion	22	6	8	8	30	28	20
Oakleigh	22	6	6	10	27	34	18
NorthcoteCity	21	5	4	12	18	38	14
Mooroolbark	21	5	1	15	18	38	11
Doveton	22	0	6	16	7	49	6

MOST EXCITING/PLAYER VOTES UPDATE

LEADING VOTEGETTERS

12 MacNichol (Juva)
11 Incantalupo (Bull)
10 Gymnopoulos (Nth)
9 Becvinovski (GG),
Hodgson (Dove)
8 A Cassar (MF)
7 Lucchesi (Fawk),
Smart (GG).

LEADING SCORERS

13 Pondeljak (StA),
Becvinovski (GG)
11 Pappas (Bull)
9 Smith (Juva)
8 Wright (MF), Goutzioulis (Oak), Hanna (Fawk), Nield (MF), Grbac (Bull).

VIC SENIORS

STATE LEAGUE DIV ONE

Kew City	22	14	5	3	37	17	33
Spryngrove City	22	14	4	4	40	18	32
Maribyrnong	22	13	5	4	36	14	31
Camfield City	22	8	7	7	27	24	25
Frankston Phoenix	21	9	6	6	27	30	24
Westgate	21	9	6	7	27	22	22
West Coast	21	7	8	7	22	25	22
Western Sub	20	8	9	5	25	21	21
Wynmarr	22	5	9	8	23	28	19
Exmouth City	22	6	6	10	22	36	18
Maribyrnong	22	6	6	10	23	36	18
Bull Park	21	6	6	10	23	31	17
Maribyrnong	22	6	6	10	23	36	18
Port Melbourne	22	3	11	17	16	46	15
Port Melbourne	22	3	11	17	16	46	15
Box Hill	22	3	13	26	46	15	15

STATE LEAGUE DIV TWO

Richmond	22	16	2	4	43	14	38
Albion City	22	14	6	4	36	24	34
Brookmans	24	11	7	6	37	29	29
Cheltenham	24	12	6	6	34	30	28
Doncaster Rovers	24	9	6	9	37	27	27
Doncaster Rovers	24	12	9	5	47	27	39
Killarney	22	8	7	7	34	31	23
Clifton Hill	22	8	6	8	32	22	22
St Albans	22	8	6	8	26	22	22
Wynmarr City	24	9	12	38	42	21	21
South Melbourne	22	8	11	42	41	20	20
Hamworthy City	22	8	12	32	36	19	19
Geelong	24	7	10	23	46	17	17
Doncaster	24	6	12	31	41	16	16
St Albans	24	6	13	22	36	16	16
Doncaster	24	6	13	22	36	16	16

STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE

Clifton	21	12	8	1	42	22	32
Doncaster Rovers	22	13	6	3	35	16	32
East Brunswick	22	12	5	4	44	22	29
Seaworth	21	12	2	7	38	18	26
Carlingford	22	11	4	7	27	23	26
El Dorado Valley	21	8	4	9	34	23	26
Cheltenham	22	8	8	6	28	24	24
Maribyrnong City	22	6	9	7	23	25	21
Spryngrove City	22	6	8	8	22	29	20
Latrobe City	21	6	11	9	29	18	18
Warr P. A. Club	22	7	3	12	25	48	17
Plzevsky City	22	6	4	12	25	47	16
Holland Park	22	3	5	14	28	36	11
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STATE LEAGUE DIV FOUR

Seaworth	22	17	4	1	42	17	38
Clifton	22	16	4	2	37	28	32
East Brunswick	22	11	5	4	42	25	27
Seaworth	22	9	6	7	38	26	26
Latrobe City	21	9	6	6	28	14	26
Warr P. A. Club	22	10	3	9	48	37	23
Plzevsky City	21	8	6	7	33	22	22
El Dorado Valley	22	8	6	8	33	26	24
Cheltenham	22	7	8	7	31	24	22
Doncaster Rovers	22	6	9	8	29	32	22
Spryngrove City	22	6	9	8	29	32	22
Carlingford	22	4	14	23	33	12	12
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STATE LEAGUE DIV FIVE

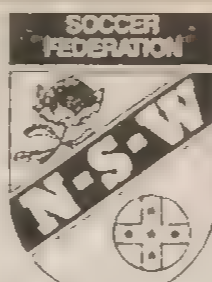
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East Brunswick	22	11	5	3	42	25	27
Seaworth	22	10	5	4	44	22	29
Latrobe City	21	9	6	6	28	14	26
Warr P. A. Club	22	10	3	9	48	37	23
Plzevsky City	21	8	6	7	33	22	22
El Dorado Valley	22	8	6	8	33	26	24
Cheltenham	22	7	8	7	31	24	22
Doncaster Rovers	22	6	9	8	29	32	22
Spryngrove City	22	6	9	8	29	32	22
Carlingford	22	4	14	23	33	12	12
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Carlingford	22	4	14	23	33	12	12

STATE LEAGUE DIV SIX

Seaworth	22	12	5	2	41	16	30
Clifton	22	12	5	2	38	12	29
East Brunswick	22	11	5	3	42	25	27
Seaworth	22	10	5	4	44	22	29
Latrobe City	21	9	6	6	28	14	26
Warr P. A. Club	22	10	3	9	48	37	23
Plzevsky City	21	8	6	7	33	22	22
El Dorado Valley	22	8	6	8	33	26	24
Cheltenham	22	7	8	7	31	24	22
Doncaster Rovers	22	6	9	8	29	32	22
Spryngrove City	22	6	9	8	29	32	22
Carlingford	22	4	14	23	33	12	12
Carlingford	22	4	14	23	33	12	12
Carlingford	22	4	14	23	33	12	12

STATE LEAGUE DIV SEVEN

Seaworth	22	12	5	2	41	16	30
Clifton	22	12	5	2	38	12	29
East Brunswick	22	11	5	3	42	25	27
Seaworth	22	10	5	4	44	22	29
Latrobe City	21	9	6	6	28	14	26
Warr P. A. Club	22	10	3	9	48	37	23
Plzevsky City	21	8	6	7	33	22	22
El Dorado Valley	22	8	6	8	33	26	24
Cheltenham	22	7	8	7	31	24	22
Doncaster Rovers	22	6	9	8	29	32	22
Spryngrove City	22	6	9	8	29	32	22
Carlingford	22	4	14	23	33	12	12
Carlingford	22	4	14	23	33	12	12
Carlingford	22	4	14	23	33	12	12



STATE LEAGUE 2GR1

Waverley	19	11	6	2	37	20	45
Petersham	19	8	5	2	47	18	36
Dulwich Hill	19	8	5	2	45	20	36
Cyrus Utd	19	8	5	1	51	27	35
MT Pritchard	19	7	6	0	28	27	33
Granville	19	7	3	3	24	26	30
Asbury	19	7	3	2	34	23	28
Camp Town	19	6	5	1	24	23	28
MT Druff	19	7	3	0	32	35	27
Griffith Hills	19	7	1	1	10	24	24
Central Coast	19	5	2	2	10	20	21
PI Hacking	19	3	2	0	14	24	13

STATE LEAGUE 2GR2

Cyrus Utd	19	15	2	1	46	15	50
Dulwich Hill	19	10	7	1	43	21	45
Auburn	19	9	7	0	37	24	41
PI Hacking	19	8	7	0	45	29	38
MT Pritchard	19	8	4	2	26	22	34
Griffith Hills	19	8	3	1	7	21	26
Waverley	19	8	3	0	31	24	30
Central Coast	19	3	6	2	20	37	23
Griffith Hills	19	4	5	0	10	28	22
Petersham	19	4	4	0	11	21	29
Camp Town	19	4	3	1	11	21	29
MT Druff	19	2	3	0	14	16	12

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

GRADE 1									
Lamson A's	19	10	4	3	2	31	11	41	
West Wards	19	11	2	2	3	28	14	39	
Batcombe Merc	19	10	3	6	4	24	36		
North Ryde	19	6	7	1	4	30	22	33	
Hills United	19	8	2	2	6	25	20	30	
Bathurst 75	19	5	5	4	2	18	30		
Unif NSW	19	7	3	2	7	23	28	29	
Batcombe	19	6	4	0	9	25	28	28	
Rosebery Pt	19	7	1	3	8	21	25	26	
Curry & Dist	19	3	4	3	8	19	33	20	
Orange W'ah	19	3	2	3	11	21	38	16	
Amcliff	19	3	1	4	11	15	41	15	

FEDERATION LEAGUE 3

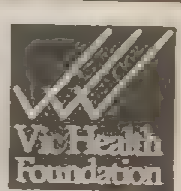
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West Wards	19	12	1	1	5	39	22	39
Batcombe	19	11	2	6	4	30	31	37
Bathurst 75	19	10	1	2	6	22	21	34
Lamson A's	19	8	2	4	5	28	32	32
Curry & Dist	19	9	1	0	8	30	22	29
Rosebery P.	19	7	3	2	7	25	27	29
Batcombe	19	6	4	1	9	25	30	27
North Ryde	19	6	2	1	9	23	28	23
Amcliff	19	6	2	1	10	17	32	23
Orange W'ah	19	4	3	1	11	34	37	19
Unif NSW	19	2	2	1	14	18	46	11

FEDERATION LEAGUE 4

GRADE 1									
Western Dist.....	19	11	6	0	1	48	23	45	
Concord Jnr.....	19	12	1	2	4	26	15	40	
Colo Colo.....	19	12	1	0	8	31	24	38	
SSC Zagreb.....	19	10	3	1	5	32	22	37	
Trasandino.....	19	8	5	0	0	39	31	34	
Spanish Club.....	19	7	3	3	0	23	24	30	



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**BULLEEN
FAWKNER 3**

**BY
ROD BOWLES**

BULLEEN kept its title-hopes alive after its come from behind 4-3 victory, to knock Italian-backed rivals Fawkner right out of contention in a highly entertaining affair at the Veneto Club on Sunday.

Bulleen scored twice in the final 10 minutes to fully capitalise on Fawkner's reduction of player personnel. In the 78th minute Jim McBride was sent-off by referee John Fraser for allegedly punching Stan Thodis.

Fawkner opened the scoring early in the game when David Hanna side-footed home from close range.

Micky Vesnaver equalised for Bulleen with an unstoppable shot from just inside the area after veteran Claude Lucchesi failed to make a clearance.

Bulleen went ahead just before half-time when Anthony Grbac sent a free-kick to an unmarked Fab Incantalupo to score with a simple header in the six yard area.

Fawkner came out fighting in the second-half to soon equalise, Robert Krajacic brought down Sammy Emmanuelle for Lucchesi to convert from the spot.

Fawkner hit the front through Hanna once more but Bulleen surged ahead again after some magic from Incantalupo who forced another penalty for Grbac to convert.

Bulleen's winner arrived with only five minutes remaining when Darren Tuck was fouled in the area for Grbac to seal Fawkner's fate, once again from the penalty spot.

BULLEEN: Raponi, Valentic, Krajacic, Marsan, Ruccia, Thodis (Branov), Grbac, Incantalupo, Vesnaver, Tuck, Mori.

FAWKNER: Anastasiadis, Walsh, Tombolato, Lucchesi, Schipano, McBride, Retre, Wilson, Emmanuelle, Hanna, Vlatkovic.

VOTES: F.Incantalupo (Bull) - 1
C.Retre (Fawk) - 1

**THOMASTOWN 1
MOOROOLBARK 0**

BY GREG BLAKE

THOMASTOWN pushed courageous Mooroolbark further towards the relegation abyss by struggling home 1-0 in treacherous conditions at Partridge Reserve on Sunday.

Thomastown managed its crucial winner eight minutes after half time, with skipper Nino Di Martino striking truly from the penalty spot after Mooroolbark's Robbie Mantell was ruled to have handled as he tried to run the ball clear from defence.

Despite protests from the Barker's camp, referee John Santa Isabel had no hesitation in ruling against Mantell, with the decision breaking the resolve of a Mooroolbark side which had clearly had the better of the encounter in the opening half.

Playing with the aid of a gusting wind Mooroolbark, despite boasting first gamers in goalkeeper David Bradley and Jason Jobling, pushed the home side with Mantell hitting the woodwork whilst Adam Byrne and Dave Brogan efforts required quality saves by Bob Brian before the interval.

Thomastown improved markedly after the break, but with key forward Gerry McAleer shut down by big Dave McIntosh, the Barkers kept the home side honest until full time.

THOMASTOWN: Brian, DePropertis, Mihos, Karic, DiMartino, Mihalidis, Cristaldo, Tsangas (Bekiaris), Cocker, Giaccherini, McAleer.

MOOROOLBARK: Bradley, Marshall, A.Byrne (Heys), D.Byrne, McIntosh, Mantell, Campbell, Jobling (Van Egmond), McCallam, Brogan, Burton.

VOTES: C.Tsangas (Thom) - 1
D.McIntosh (Moor) - 2

**ALBION 1
MORWELL FALCONS 3**

BY TONY ABATE

MORWELL FALCONS easily disposed of a dispirited Albion side winning 3-1 at Skinner Reserve, in a game where tragedy

struck Albion defender Tyrone James who possibly suffered a career ending injury when he broke his leg only 20 minutes into the encounter.

After challenging Gary McMullen for a 50-50 ball, the stunned crowd stared in total bewilderment as James lay motionless on the ground with a snapped left shin, the games was delayed 25 minutes in waiting for the arrival of an ambulance.

As the referee blew for the second half to commence, Gary Upton took advantage of Albion's punctured confidence level when he punished some lackadaisical defending with a ferocious drive past Ernie Toth.

A minute later, Albion were in trouble once more when Danny Nield ran onto a piercing through pass which he blasted beyond the reach of a totally exposed Toth.

Steve Douglas rekindled Albion's hopes in the 58th minute, when he skillfully eluded two Morwell defenders to fire in an effort which was always going to escape keeper Dave Reynolds grasp.

Any hopes for an Albion revival however, were quelled within 30 seconds, when McMullen crossed to Billy Wright from the right who sent an inch-perfect pass to Anthony Cassar to sky-rocket his shot into the back of the net.

ALBION: Toth, James, Douglas, Chetcuti, Grimaud, Russell, Kadlicek, MacLeod, White, Freund, Patterson.

MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds, Upton, Harris, May, Roodhouse, Wright, Ramos, A.Cassar, McMullen, Nield, E.Cassar.

VOTES: D.White (Albion) - 1
A.Cassar (Morwell) - 1

**ALTONA GATE 3
OAKLEIGH 0**

BY VLADKO VLAHOVIC

ALTONA GATE welcomed caretaker coach Cele Presilski with a convincing 3-0 rout of struggling Oakleigh at Paisley Reserve on Sunday.

Club stalwart Presilski took over at the

helm after Roy McLaren left the club last week due to a fine dispute with the executive committee.

Altona Gate deserved to win by a greater margin, if it wasn't for twin-scorer Zoran Todorovski's many missed opportunities to complete his personal hat-trick, in what was a highly eventful afternoon for the promising young striker.

In the 25th minute, Zlate Markovski hit a 20-metre shot which keeper Mike Alexandropoulos could only parry and Todorovski was at hand to slot the loose ball home to break the dead-lock.

Todorovski displayed calm and wonderful skill to score again after 36 minutes, when he latched onto a long, high Tony Lingurovski cross to lob the keeper, then controlled the floating ball with his chest, before simply placing the ball into the empty net.

Altona increased its lead after 49 minutes, this time Todorovski was the supplier, when he sent a cross from the right into the teeth of goal allowing Lingurovski to score with a simple header after Andy McMillan dumfied to give him the chance.

ALTONA GATE: A.Micevski, S.Micevski, Momirovski, T.Markovski, McMillan, Aslimoski, Z.Markovski, Davis (Kebakoski), Lingurovski, Todorovski, J.Markovski.

OAKLEIGH: Alexandropoulos, Biltsonis, Aretis, Vaglis, Gourllas, Haidaris, Halford, Leonardos, Zemunik, Androu, Lujic (Tsirakis)

**JUVENTUS 2
GREEN GULLY 0**

BY CON STAVROS

JUVENTUS marched towards the inaugural Premier League championship with a classy 2-0 demolition of Green Gully at Middle Park on Sunday.

The league leaders using Brian MacNichol, Adam Inglese and Fausto De Amicis in wide roles were superior in all areas of the park and led 1-0 at half-time thanks to Inglese's goal which was well set up by Reno Minichiello.

Green Gully's chances of snatching an equ-

alised disappeared in the second-half when Steve Smith finished a John Corvan cross with his usual clinical accuracy in the 64th minute.

John Campelj was the only shining light for the visitors as they struggled to counter the neat inter-changing supplied by Jeff Doyle in his dominant midfield role.

Star striker Sasha Becvinovski showed rare glimpses of the form that has made him such a prolific scorer for Gully this season and was well blanketed by the Juve defence.

At the other end of the park, Juve strike guns Minichiello and Smith ran rampant and each had several chances to add to the score-line.

Surprisingly, Juve coach Billy Rogers, although happy with the two points, was critical of his charges lack of discipline throughout the encounter.

JUVENTUS: Laumets, Doyle, Corvan, Della Rocca, MacNichol, Sabatino, Smith, Minichiello, De Amicis, Ferla, Inglese (Sonsini).

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Campelj, Kuzman, Belle, Chetcuti, Rastocic (Attard), Becvinovski, Azzopardi (Micallef), Hunter, Smart, Clantar.

VOTES: B.MacNichol (Juve) - 2
J.Campelj (G.Gully) - 1

**CROYDON 1
DOVETON 0**

BY SHAWN ASHTON

AFTER A SHAKY start Croydon cruised to a 1-0 win over relegation-doomed Doveton to record only its third home win for season '91.

From the outset Doveton were forced on the defensive as Croydon surged forward in numbers but countless opportunities went begging, many from close distances, to squander what could have been a decisive first-half lead.

Doveton 'keeper Brad Zeally played the game of his life but even he could not stop Stuart McArthur from scoring that all-important goal early in the second-half.

Team mate Andy McCabe put McArthur through to spoil Zeally's good work and give Croydon the lead for

the first time in eight weeks.

Soon after Con Opasinis looked to put his side further ahead taking on several defenders before sighting the target but Zeally was equal to the task and forced another fine save.

CROYDON: Runje, Opasinis, Lennon, Dobson, McCabe (Nolan), Brown, McGeachy, McArthur, Klepac (Rinnovasi), Field.

DOVETON: Zeally, Brown, Cox, McMinamee, Hodgson, M.McCormick, Bot, A.McCormick (Murdoch), Kazarin (Robertson), Cattermole, Montgomery.

VOTES: C.Opasinis (Croydon) - 1
B.Zeally (Doves) - 1

**ST ALBANS 2
NORTHCOTE 0**

BY BERT VAN BEDAF

ST ALBANS coach Tony Vrzina scored a perfect 10 beating Northcote 2-0 at Churchill Reserve on Saturday.

Since the former Sunshine George Cross coach arrived at St Albans, the Saints have not lost in 10 matches.

Relegation-doomed Northcote City held the Saints to 0-0 at half-time, but Andrew Marth barrelled the opening goal past Northcote's Mark Tarudia in the 52nd minute.

Five minutes from the end Joe Bacak enabled Ollie Pondeljak to score his 13th goal of the season.

Bacak's cross was intercepted by Tarudia but the ball bounced off his hands into the path of Pondeljak, who headed it easily into the net for 2-0.

St Albans played below par with its NSL loan players displaying poor form. Mark Silic missed several sitters, while Bacak and Pondeljak were also wayward.

Vrzina was so upset with Silic's performance that after another bad attempt at goal ten minutes from the end he replaced the Youth World Cup star with Patrick Alilovic.

ST ALBANS: Vunderl, Skenderovic, Ketsakidis, Radic, Collina, Vanis, Bacak, Marth, Pondeljak, Silic (Alilovic), Johnson.

NORTHCOTE: Tarudia, Mesourini, N.Constantinou, Anezakis, Kouremenos, Panagopoulos, Illopoulos, Gymnopoulos,

Metaxas, Kokkinos, J.Constantinou.

VOTES: H.Skenderovic (St Albs) - 2
J.Constantinou (North) - 1

**ALBION 3
BULLEEN 3**

BY GREG BLAKE

BULLEEN'S title push faltered in five remarkable minutes at Skinner Reserve last Wednesday night as Albion staged a memorable comeback to draw 3-3 in a re-scheduled round 16 Premier League game.

Makeshift midfielder Don MacLeod produced a man-of-the-match performance for Albion and capped his game with two goals in as many minutes to snatch a last-gasp draw for his side.

Bulleen led 3-1 going into the 85th minute of play, but MacLeod, who had battled and bullied for his side all night, struck to make it 3-2 with five minutes left on the clock.

Less than two minutes later big Scott Patterson, another Albion star to shine on the night, set MacLeod up for the equaliser with a searching run and pass, with dazzling Donny adding the final touch from six metres out.

Bulleen, despite being out-played for much of the night by a determined Albion side, should have had the game wrapped up after leading 1-0 and 3-1.

Con Pappas had Bulleen ahead after just three minutes but Albion went in all square at the break following a Dale White equaliser on the half hour.

Second half goals from Darren Tuck and Damian Mori should have meant Bulleen coasting home, but the wayward title contender didn't count on the fighting spirit of the MacLeod-inspired home side.

ALBION: Toth, Chetcuti, Grimaud, James, Russell, Stefanac (Markovski), Douglas, MacLeod, White, Kadlicek, Patterson.

Raponi, Valentic, Krajacic, Marsan, Ruccia, Vesnaver, Mori, Grbac, Incantalupo (Dal Ben), Thodis, Tuck.

VOTES: D.MacLeod (Alb) - 2
D.Ruccia (Bull) - 1

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The Bulls face moment of truth



Bulleen star ANTHONY GRBAC.

WITH only four rounds remaining of this inaugural Premier League season, title-threat Bulleen faces a real danger game ly away from home on Sunday. Bulleen has proven to be a steady, strong

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performer all season and will be desperate to do the double over a physically strong and gritty Green Gully combination.

Although Bulleen must rely on Juventus losing a couple of games, the Veneto boys must continue winning and ... remaining fixtures against Oakleigh (h), Morwell Falcons (a) and Northcote City (h), will not be easy tasks, with Morwell might still be entertaining slim title hopes and Northcote are battling for Premier League survival and will fight to the death.

So, Bulleen's mid-field giants Fab Incantup and Anthony Grbac, will be asked to feed its forwards Con Pappas and Darren Tuck with monotonous regularity in hope of a high score, with every goal vital in the run home.

CELLAR-dweller Doveton tackles consistent Thomastown at Waratah Reserve on Saturday.

Will the plucky Doves win a game before season's end? They almost did against the

might of Bulleen, only going down in the dying minutes of injury time and this will give the Doves some hope to notch some minor glory before it's too late.

RELEGATION-doomed Mooroolbark tackles NSL boosted St Albans Dinamo at Esther Park on Saturday.

With the Barkers having employed a youth policy recently, it is difficult to imagine them giving Dinamo a serious shake, particularly with players like Ivan Kelic, Mark Silic, Joe Bacak and Vlado Vanis from Melbourne Croatia and Chris Ketsakidis on loan from Sunshine George Cross.

FINALLY, Fawknor Azzurri, whose title dreams ended at the hands of Juve a fortnight ago, will want to end the season on a high note with a victory or two and it should dispose of Croydon City.

Croydon City have struggled to

come to terms with the wide open spaces of its new home ground at Dorset Gardens.

OAKLEIGH must face Brunswick Juventus without its loan inspiration Angle Goutzioulis at Caloola Reserve on Sunday.

Whilst Goutzioulis was at Oakleigh, the Oaks supporters had much to cheer about but since his departure things just haven't been the same and to repeat its earlier season effort of sharing the points with Juventus would be a great achievement.

NORTHCOTE City face probably its most important game of the season against Albion Turk-Gucu at John Cain Reserve on Sunday.

Northcote need to keep winning and hope

Oakleigh or Albion drop a few points in its quest for Premier League survival, with a victory over Albion a perfect way to decrease the leeway.

PRE-SEASON title-fancy Morwell Falcons face the flashy skills of Altona Gate at the Valley, as both sides remain only mathematical chances for the throne.

These teams shared the points in an action-packed encounter earlier in the season and both play an attack-orientated style of game, which should suit the large crowd at North Crinigan Reserve on Saturday.

Altona will be hoping little midfield dynamo Peter Nicoski will return to the fold and will be looking to John Markovski for more inspiration in its time of need.

THIS WEEK

Sat, 10th August Round 23
Mooroolbark v St Albans,
Doveton v Thomastown, Morwell Falcons v Altona Gate.

Sun, 11th August
Oakleigh v Bruns Utd Juventus, Green Gully v Bulleen, Fawknor v Croydon City, Northcote City v Albion.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Sat, 10th August Round 25
Knox City v Essendon City, Port Melbourne v Westgate.

Sun, 11th August
North Geelong v Caulfield City, Frankston Pines v Western Suburbs, Melbourne City v Bye, Ringwood City v Box Hill, Morialloc v Bell Park, Werribee v Springvale City.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. TWO

Sat, 10th August Round 25
Suns Heights Polonia v Clifton Hill, Doncaster Rovers v Sandringham City, Keilor v Doncaster, Geelong v Chelsea, Nunawading City v Broadmeadows City, Richmond v Altona City, Bentleigh Greens v Brighton, Sunbury United v Waverley City.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. THREE

Sat, 10th August Round 23
Fitzroy City v Seaford United, Eltham/Dia Valley Utd v Springvale Utd, Oakleigh Suburbs v Corio-Geelong Utd, Moorabbin City v Clayton, Lalor United v Ciarinda, Heidelberg City v East Bruns/vanho.

STATE LEAGUE DIV. FOUR

Sat, 10th August Round 23
Langwarrin v Mornington, Regent v Pascoe Vale, Boronia v Hamlyn Rangers, Yarraville v Bye, South Dandenong v Cranbourne, Springvale Condors v Hawthorn Citizens, Rosanna v Karingal Utd.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Sat, 10th August Round 21
Westvale v Williamstown, South Werribee v Brunswick City, Frankston United v Forest Hill, Altona East v Melton, South Springvale v Berwick City, North Sunshine v Yallourn, Malvern City v Knox Park.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. TWO

Sat, 10th August Round 21
Meadow Park v Hoppers Crossing, Meltone United v Uni Of Melbourne, Bye v Wantima, East Geelong v Nth Glenroy St Marks, Lyndale United v Ballarat, Lalor v Brandon Park, Keysborough v East Park Brintons.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. THREE

Sat, 10th August Round 21
Port United v Ringwood Rovers, St Kilda v South Yarra, Hampton Park v Waverley United, Monbulk v Batman United, Monash v University v Collingwood City, Malvern Lemnos v Sth Wantima Cretan, Keilor United v Diggers Rest.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. FOUR

Sun, 11th August Round 21
Old Scotch v Riversdale, Oakleigh United v Sunshine Park, East Kew v Waverley Wanderers, Bye v Beaumaris, Latrobe University v Collingwood City, Malvern Lemnos v Sth Wantima Cretan, Keilor United v Diggers Rest.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. FIVE

Sun, 11th August Round 21
Northern United v Bye, Diamond Valley v Upfield, Albert Park Maccabi v RMIT, Melbourne University v Balwyn City, Doncaster Inter v Broadmeadows Utd, Thornbury Furland Utd v Epping Concorde, Endeavour Hills v Cam. Grammar Old Boys.

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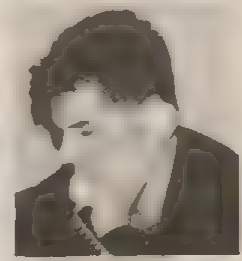
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GREG BLAKE PULLS NO PUNCHES

Juve right on target



The draw for the contenders over the closing five weeks of the season is:

JUVENTUS: Green Gully (H), Oakleigh (A), Morwell (H), Northcote (A), Mooroolbark (H).

MORWELL FALCONS: Albion (A), Altona Gate (H), Juventus (A), Bulleen (H), Croydon (A).

BULLEEN: Fawkner (H), Green Gully (A), Oakleigh (H), Morwell (A), Northcote (H).

ALTONA GATE: Oakleigh (H), Morwell (A), Northcote (H), Mooroolbark (A), St Albans (H).

FAWKNER: Bulleen (A), Croydon (H), Doveton (A), Thomastown (H), Green Gully (H).

BRUNSWICK Juventus would have to crash in the most spectacular fashion to lose the 1991 Premier League championship.

The 1989 and 1990 Victorian runner-up is set to go one better this season and only a remarkable turn-about in fortunes will stop Juve from clinching its first state title since 1970.

After 21 rounds of the season the race for the inaugural Premier Division title was down to just five clubs, and if history is any guide Juventus stands alone as a red-hot title favorite.

Only twice in the past decade have clubs come from behind at the round 21 mark of the season and won the title.

No team has come from lower than third at that stage of the season and gone on to win the state title, thus discount Altona Gate and Fawkner, fourth and fifth respectively after 21 home-and-away rounds.

Only Green Gully (1983) and Morwell Falcons (1989) have made late runs to snatch the title, with Gully coming from second and Morwell from third in the final rounds of the season.

In 1989 Morwell, under Bobby McLachlan, produced the most spectacular finish to a season in recent history to clinch the championship after winning 11 and drawing six of its last 17 games.

But generally history favours Juve, with Preston (1980), Gully (1981 and 1982), Morwell (1984), Croydon City (1985 and 1986), Polonia (1987) and Heidelberg (1988 and 1990) all having led the league at the 20 round mark before going on to the title.

Also favouring Juventus is the draw for the final five home-and-away rounds.

The club with the meanest defence in the league plays only one match against another top five side when it clashes with Morwell in round 24.

Fellow title aspirants Morwell and Bulleen face far more testing run-ins, with Morwell clashing against Altona Gate, Juventus and Bulleen on three successive week-ends in August.

Bulleen must tackle Italian rival Fawkner next weekend as well as travelling to Morwell for a round 25 match-up.

Altona Gate might have played its way through a slump but has

left itself with too much to do, whilst Fawkner, although boasting a favourable draw, has failed its big match tests too often this season.

The key matches over the closing weeks of the season are: Bulleen v Fawkner (round 22), Morwell Falcons v Altona Gate (round 23), Juventus v Morwell (round 24) and Morwell v Bulleen (round 25).

A fine record

IN 1989 Brunswick Juventus, fresh from a five year spell in the NSL, was surely the best side in the Victorian State League.

Until a disaster run over the final month of the season Juventus looked set to clear away, but instead it allowed barnstorming Morwell to run over the top of it.

In 1990 Juventus was rated as the side to beat — and it was for the last 25 weeks of the marathon season.

This time an abysmal start, under new coach Roberto Vieri, was to cost the club dearly, as Heidelberg led the way home.

Despite two years of toil, Juventus, without a Victorian title since 1970, was relegated to runner-up status in both campaigns.

In 1991 the club, still bitter at missing an NSL appointment, is not about to throw away the championship for a third successive time.

This time the bridesmaid has a date with destiny in the first week of September, and according to coach Billy Rogers, it is an appointment the club will honour with relish.

"There will be no slip-ups this time", says the determined Rogers.

"It has been a club effort all year and



Juventus players celebrate.

everybody has got their heads up.

"The players know what is expected of them and we won't miss out this year.

"The senior players have been an inspiration and, thanks to them, we've gone out with the right attitude every week".

Jeff Doyle, magnificent for Juventus during 1991, was, ironically, a member of the Morwell squad which stormed home to glory in 1989.

He knows that championship feeling and is certain that Juve is set to take the major prize after having led the league since mid-season.

But Doyle says the side will be taking no chances.

"It's an old cliché, but every game is a hard game and we just take them as they come", Doyle explained.

"There are six games left and we're sitting on top of the league and every team will be wanting to put us off.

"Every game from here on in will be hard.

"Playing for a club

like Juventus we realise it's tough as it is.

"That's part of playing for the club — they'll play their hearts out to beat you.

"As soon as you pull on the shirt you've got to accept that".

Rogers, in his first season as senior coach at the club, also concedes that there is extra pressure for the famous old flagship of Melbourne's Italian community to do well.

"The pressure has been on for the three seasons since we've been back in the State League", he says.

"They are the figurehead Italian club".

Doyle says he is quietly confident that Juventus won't let its supporters down again in 1991.

"We've got a great blend this year", he told ABSW.

"We've played well week-in, week-out and we haven't played two bad games in a row.

"It has been a good season overall and we are not going to waste the chance".

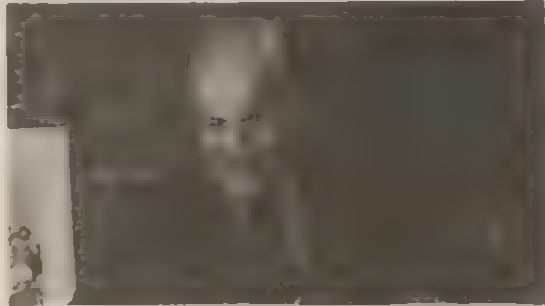
Back to school boys!

THE Victorian Soccer Federation has given its club administrators the chance to go back to school.

The VSF has recommended that at least one official from each club attend a specialised course on sports administration, with seminars being held each Monday at the Burwood Campus of Victoria College.

The course, called 'Managing Your Club In The 1990s', is run by the Department of Sport Management from the Bowater Faculty of Business.

The short course is a first for Victoria, de-



Former Victorian secretary George Wallace.

signed to assist people get their club moving into the new decade.

It addresses communication within the club, advance planning for club development, administration and book-keeping, legal responsibilities and working with other sports organisations

and people in sport.

'Managing Your Club In The 1990s' promises to "increase club communication, improve support from members and plan your club's future".

For further information on attending the course, contact Leonie King on (03) 805 3626.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR TABLES

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CEN/SOUTH A							NORTHERN								
	P	M	D	L	F	A	PT		P	M	D	L	F	A	PT
EAST BENTLEIGH	11	10	1	0	61	4	21	MTN GLE ST MARK	14	10	2	2	4	7	22
BRIGHTON	12	9	2	1	38	8	20	B U JUVENOS	12	9	2	1	44	8	20
CLAYTON	9	1	1	1	50	8	15	FARNHAM	13	8	3	2	33	7	19
SANDRINGHAM	11	5	0	6	38	28	10	THOMASTOWN	13	8	1	4	47	20	17
ALBERT PARK MAC	8	4	2	2	20	13	10	HEADON PARK	13	7	3	3	43	20	17
ELWOOD	10	4	1	5	13	29	9	NTH RESERVOIR	12	5	4	3	13	12	14
KEN EAGLES	10	3	1	6	11	24	7	LALOR UNITED	13	5	3	5	39	24	13
BENTLEIGH GREEN	12	2	2	8	5	53	6	NORTHCOE CITY	13	4	2	7	41	35	10
EAST RICHMOND	11	2	1	8	8	63	5	PRESTON	13	4	1	8	27	33	9
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BAYTER	11	8	2	1	43	7	18	NEILOR A	12	11	1	0	74	6
F/STON UTD	11	8	1	2	36	12	17	REGENT	10	6	3	1	37	6
LANGSHAM	8	8	0	0	42	2	16	ST ALBANS	11	6	3	2	38	11
PENINSULA	10	3	0	5	27	28	10	SIMBURY UTD	11	7	1	3	37	12
NORTHAMPTON	10	3	3	4	19	15	9	WESTERN SUBS	11	3	4	4	9	10
BEAUMARIS	10	4	1	9	15	21	9	ALTONA EAST	11	2	5	4	7	14
HASTINGS	10	2	1	7	13	35	5	WESTVALE	10	3	3	4	16	47
F/TON PINES	10	1	1	8	5	35	3	GREEN GULLY B	10	3	2	5	21	27
CARRUM UTD	10	1	1	0	3	48	3	SUNSHINE PARK	11	2	0	9	6	33
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SEAFOORD UNITED	14	12	0	2	32	15 24	PASCOE VALE	10	7	3	0	36
HAVERLEY UTD A	13	10	0	3	58	15 20	PRESTON B	10	5	1	4	30
DONCASTER ROV	13	8	1	4	40	18 17	MELTON B	9	5	1	3	17
MUMMADING CITY	13	8	1	4	29	16 17	ROSAMBA	10	5	0	5	17
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LYNDALD UNITED	14	5	1	8	26	41 11	MERRIBEE	8	1	2	5	10
KNIT CITY	14	5	0	9	26	43 10	YARRAVILLE	6	0	2	4	0
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STH S/VALE A	11	8	2	1	39	8	18	MELTON A	10	7	2	1	37	9	16
SHERBROOKE RANG	12	7	4	1	39	18	18	SUNSHINE HTS	11	7	1	3	41	20	15
KARINGAL	12	6	3	3	25	15	15	GREEN GULLY A	12	7	0	5	44	19	14
ELTHAM	11	6	2	3	31	22	14	SUNSHINE G.Y	12	5	2	5	26	16	12
KNIT PARK	11	3	3	5	20	18	9	ALTONA GATE	11	5	1	5	24	20	11
SPRINGVALE UTD	11	3	3	5	16	20	9	MELB CITY	12	4	2	6	23	16	10
HAMPTON PARK	12	1	4	7	13	25	6	ALTONA CITY	12	4	1	7	22	26	9
BULLEEN	11	1	0	10	5	89	2	ALBION	11	1	0	10	12	29	7
GLEN HAVERLEY	9	0	1	8	2	42	1	HARTSHORN UMT	10	1	0	9	4	86	2

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CRANBOURNE	9	6	2	1	51	12	14
WYVERN	10	5	1	4	15	18	11
CROYDON CITY B	10	3	1	5	32	32	6
CLAREMONT	10	2	4	1	12	16	8
BENTLEIGH SUBURB	10	4	9	6	28	43	8
MALVERN CITY	8	1	4	3	9	24	6
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BRIGHTON	14	9	1	4	55	18	19	RINGWOOD CITY	12	6	3	3	26	16	13
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OAKLEIGH SUBS	14	5	4	5	27	32	14	CLAYTON	14	5	2	7	22	47	12
LANGSHAM	14	4	2	8	24	51	10	BEAUMARIS	13	3	4	6	49	74	10
DOVETON	14	2	4	8	18	45	8	STH MERRIBEE	14	4	2	6	24	32	10
BAYTER	14	2	3	9	20	45	7	SHERBROOKE RANGS	14	4	0	10	30	45	0
EAST BENTLEIGH	14	1	2	11	11	31	4	MELB CITY	12	2	3	7	16	36	7
BENTLEIGH GREEN	14	1	0	13	8	66	2	MORRILL BARK B	14	0	1	13	6	83	3

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GLEN HAVERLEY	13	8	4	1	29	4	120	SUNSHINE PARK	11	10	0	1	54	5	20
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DONCASTER REV	14	5	7	2	21	11	17	WESTVALE	13	6	1	6	37	19	14
KNIT CITY EAGLES	14	5	5	4	20	13	15	HEADON PARK	11	6	1	4	32	22	13
MORRILL BARK A	14	6	2	6	23	25	14	WESTGATE	11	4	1	6	21	24	14
BULLEEN	14	6	1	7	25	24	13	EAST GEELONG	11	2	0	9	9	50	4
S/VALE CITY	14	6	1	7	24	21	13	MERRIBEE	10	1	1	8	14	34	14
EAST RICHMOND	14	2	4	8	14	35	4	WIPPERBEE	13	1	1	11	6	56	2
SEAFOORD	14	2	0	12	6	59	4	THOMASTOWN B	11	1	1	4	4	63	2
BERWICK CITY	14	1	0	13	7	63	2								

NORTHERN

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LALOR UTD	12	12	0	0	53	10	24	ST ALBANS
PRESTON	12	6	3	3	17	17	15	MELB CROATIA
NORTHCOE CITY	11	6	2	3	14	10	14	ALTONA CITY
B.U. JUVENUS	13	5	4	4	16	53	14	SUNSHINE HTS
NEON PARK	11	6	1	4	17	11	13	SUNSHINE G.Y
THOMASTOWN A	11	5	2	4	12	7	12	NTN GEELONG
NTN/ELLEN/STMARK	11	3	4	4	17	18	10	ALBION
FITZROY EAGLES	11	2	3	6	13	22	7	ALTONA GATE
H/BERG UTD A	11	1	4	6	5	22	6	SYDENHAM PARK
NTN RESERVOIR	10	1	2	7	13	32	4	GREEN GULLY
REGENT	9	1	0	8	5	28	2	MELTON

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ALBION	13	10	2	1	36	8	22
ALTONA CITY	13	10	2	1	35	13	22
MELB CROATIA	14	7	5	2	26	6	19
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ALTONA GATE	14	4	4	6	20	17	12
SYDENHAM PARK	12	3	2	7	9	19	8
GREEN GULLY	14	2	4	8	7	27	8
MELTON	14	2	1	11	7	51	5
BROADMEADOWS	13	0	1	12	2	32	5

NTH/WEST B

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GREEN GULLY	11	10	0	1	33	11	20
NORTHCOE CITY	12	8	3	1	33	17	19
CLIFTON HILL	11	6	2	3	22	15	14
SYDENHAM PARK	11	5	2	4	17	14	12
E/BRUMS/IVANHOE	12	5	1	6	19	22	11
BROADMEADOWS	8	4	2	2	20	11	10
ALTONA CITY	12	4	2	6	17	18	10
NEON PARK	9	2	1	6	13	22	5
N/GLEEN/STHARKS	11	2	1	8	9	28	5
WEST SUBURBS	11	1	2	8	9	31	4

Wee Jimmy is simply the best and is a player in a million!



BY ROY MAY

What is one of Australia's all time great players doing playing for Hamlyn Rangers in Division Four of the Victorian State League?

Jimmy Rooney played one hundred games for Australia, just two less than John Kosmina and sixteen fewer than Peter Wilson, but he is still as keen to play serious competitive soccer as he was when he came to Australia more than twenty years ago.

"People told me to

quit when I was at the top", he said to me at Hamlyn Rangers after his first game against league leader Regent. "But that is bullst. I love this game too much. I have been lucky enough never to have had a serious injury. I do a lot of hard work each pre-season, so that I only have to keep myself up to the mark when the season starts. I like to play for competitive points, but because of my responsibilities for the juniors and reserves at Springvale I cannot train with a club. The Premier and State League clubs which have approached

me want me to train with them, but I am one hundred per cent committed to Springvale City and I cannot do that. When my friend Ian McCarthy (Coach of Hamlyn Rangers, and former colleague of Essendon Lions) rang me up and said that Rangers were looking for players for the rest of the season and asked me if I knew of any, I replied that I would be glad to help. I can play with the club on Saturdays and Ian knows that I will do the fitness work with Springvale in mid-week."

Jimmy is currently Assistant Coach and Youth Development Officer with the ambitious Springvale City, currently sitting in third position in Victorian State League Division One and with great hopes of reaching the Premier League. Over the summer he coached, organised, and even played for the Springvale City Youth team in its first season in the National Youth League (Southern Division). He moulded his group of sixteen and seventeen year olds into a very competitive team, with several of them graduating to the seniors in the course of the current winter season.

Now he is bringing the majority of them through the Springvale Reserves with a view to

having a home grown pool of talent ready when Springvale makes it into the Premier League. It is important to have on-field coaching for young players. Coaching sessions which involve the analysis of what has gone wrong in the game after it is completed can become plastic, there is no substitute for getting at players at the time and coaxing them into good habits. The great Scottish international Pat Crerand talks of breaking into the Celtic team when Charlie Tully was finishing his career. "Tully pushed me around, told me what to do and shouted at me till I did it," he explains. Les Scheinfug, current coach of the Young Socceroos, also remembers how older players in his

team when he first broke into the seniors made his life very hard until he learned what was required. "And I learned fast," he said.

Rooney echoes this. "I talk to people. It is not my style to be domineering. I can be sharp when it is necessary, but you have to get to know each player and find how to help each one of them. Some benefit from encouragement only, others from a firmer discipline."

Being a born teacher, Jimmy Rooney is aware that he has to make himself redundant vis-a-vis each generation of students. He says the time has now come for him to step back and let his young team stand on its own feet. "They have to stop relying on me when they are in trouble. They have to solve the problems for themselves if they want to become top class players," he says.

Watching him on the field with Hamlyn Rangers you hardly know he is teaching. There is no flamboyance, no gesticulations, no arrogance, just quiet efficiency and economy of movement and effort. He conserves his resources for critical moments, then the power and speed are turned to most effect. This happened last month three times during the game, once in attack, once in midfield and once in de-



The wee man in action.

fence, and each was a perfect lesson for the keen spectator. First he saw an opportunity to break on the left, and took a short pass, outstripped a very surprised, and much younger opponent, got to the bye line and cut the ball back behind the defence towards a young Hamlyn forward.

Ricky Black, the youngster, who has a prodigious leap, was just a little slow to read the situation and could not quite jump high enough to get a directed header on what was a free opportunity in front of goal. Jimmy had out-thought his colleagues as well as his opponents.

The next occasion saw him in danger of losing control of the ball in midfield, when challenged by a much taller and heavier opponent, but he quickly swivelled to take the ball as far away as possible from this player's reach and presented a broad beam to him so that there was no way the ball could be won back legally. Then Jimmy released a weighted pass into space for his fellow defender to move forward turning what had been a potentially dangerous break by Regent into the opportunity for a Hamlyn Rangers attack.

Finally, when a Regent attacker got around the back of the Rangers defence, Rooney made ground very quickly to close him down and force the player to turn away from the dangerous area. This gave the home defence time to regroup and Rooney kept up the pressure on the Regent man so that the eventual ball that was played was easily mopped up.

His positioning in midfield, or later at sweeper, where he was moved late in the game, was impeccable, always splitting opponents and cutting off lines of attack, without sacrificing himself by diving in as some of his younger colleagues lost. His passes were quick, measured and weighted to the circumstances of his team-mates. None of the fiercely struck balls which forced the receiver to waste valuable time bringing it under control before beginning to open up the game.

For a man who has so much from the game, it is an inspiration to see how fiercely his passion for the sport still burns and even more to see how much he is prepared to put back. There is a lesson there for everyone connected with soccer.



Jimmy Rooney and Danny Paton in seventh heaven after a triumph with Heidelberg over Sydney City in the NSL grand final.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

Euro hosts Sweden want a tour



European Championship hosts Sweden want to play in Australia in January.

The Swedish FA wrote to the ASF some time ago offering their national side as sparring partners for the Socceroos at very reasonable international rates. The Swedes, as hosts one of the eight finalists in next year's European Nations' Cup Finals, would bring their full national side with seven of their starting line up based in Sweden and many of their foreign players also available as they play in countries which also take a mid-season break in January. The Swedes are available from January 24 until February 2.

National coach Eddie Thomson is keen to play the highly rated Swedes who have always been regarded as a vital part of their national team's preparation for the Euro finals some five months later.

The ASF is looking

into a much talked about international tournament in January when the NSL could take a two week break to enable Thomson to give both the Socceroos and the Olympic team much needed international experience.

Suggested as likely tournament participants, should the ASF go ahead with Sweden, are the Asian Champions South Korea, Australia's closest Asian sparring partner over the years.

The Joeys' international against Germany in Essen this Wednesday is perhaps the most important preparation for the team before they kick off their World Cup campaign against Mexico Sunday week (August 18).

The match assumes greater importance, not only for the quality of the opponent but, according to Les Scheinflug and Raul Blanco, because the thorough Germans will have all the ideas about the new laws.

"You can bet the Ger-

mans have better ideas than most how to approach the new laws" the national coaches said from Holland last Friday.

"We have been experimenting in our training and warm up games, however, the German national team will give us a few more clues".

St George, somewhat uncere-
moniously dumped from the forthcoming NSL season, will not be suing the ASF.

It had been reported some weeks ago that Saints intended to take legal proceedings against the ASF.

Personality Sydney legal identity Chris Murphy was rumoured to be advising Saints.

However the cost of taking legal advice and subsequent matters have put Saints out of this course of action.

St George will continue in the State League and with its apprenticeship scheme.

Saints, which have five representatives in the Joeys' squad, now in Europe, have lost two of their Young Socceroos,



Matt Bingley

Matthew Bingley and Adem Poric, both of whom are training in Europe.

National boss Eddie Thomson is having a considerable input into the tactical approach the Joeys use in the World Under 17 Cup.

Eddie spent several seasons in the North American Soccer League with San Antonio Thunder when the "no offside up to the penalty area" law was a feature of the American experiment.

"The sweeper is done away with, in fact he sweeps in front of the last defender", says Thomson.

"The two key plays are the deep lying striker and the attacking midfielder who must have the lungs of a marathon runner".

"The main striker stays always along the 18 yard line and the key to success is how quickly the two key players — the deep lying twin striker and the attacking midfielder, can support him the rest of the team oper-

ates normally".

Thomson is a fan of the experimental laws saying it means "end to end stuff, more goalmouth action and that the players need first class fitness to compete."

"Apart from the players, the referee is the hardest done by in terms of work load."

"With the two linesmen anchored on the 18 yard line and the end to end style, the referees have an even harder job, physically, than they do now" added Thomson.

THE JOEYS

The Joeys, Australia's under 17 national team, have won one, drawn one and lost one in their first three warm-up matches in Europe in preparation for the World Cup in Italy.

They beat Graafschap in Holland 3-2 with all three goals scored by Alex Kiratzoglou — all penalties!

They then played a 1-1 draw in The Hague with Den Haag, and Aron Healey was the Aussie scorer.

And last weekend, in Belgium the Joeys were beaten 2-1 by FC Brugge, with Campagna netting for Australia.

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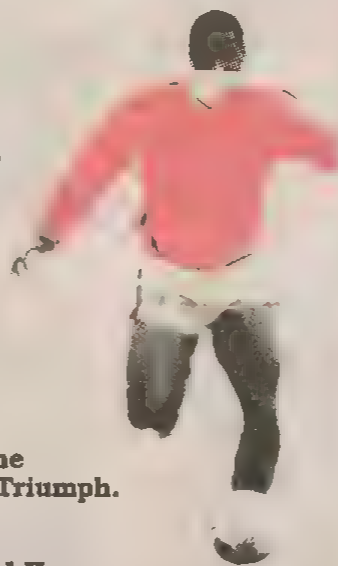
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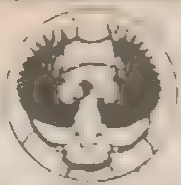
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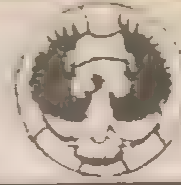
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WITH ALAN CLARK



Vidmar bids a fond farewell!

ADELAIDE City star Aurelio Vidmar is now ensconced in Belgium with Kortrijk but part of his heart is still in South Australia.

"I am looking forward to my new career in Belgium and it's a big challenge," he said.

"But I have a great deal to be thankful for and would never have made it but for Adelaide City.

"They are a marvellous club and for my money the best in Australia.

"I would like to thank club President Charlie Caruso and everyone at the club for their kindness and understanding over the years."

The \$250,000 fee paid to City is a South Australian record.

City is now expected to step up efforts to secure Melbourne Croatia's Socceroo midfielder Branko Milosevic as a replacement for Vidmar.

DOUBTS are growing on a Coca-Cola-sponsored summer youth league getting off and running this year in SA.

NSL clubs Adelaide City and West Adelaide look keen for such a competition to be played here to cut expenses and the need for extensive travel to play lukewarm opposition.

But many local clubs, even some with very strong youth policies, seem to be less than enthusiastic.

They have major concerns over the burnout of young players, having played in summer and winter leagues, and availability of grounds which need time for maintenance and rejuvenation in summer.

The fact the SA Soccer Federation, City and West are to have talks over the proposal also throws up an interesting scenario for City chief Charlie Caruso. As chairman of the SASF, he will be having talks with himself!

Scrapping Reserves for an under 19 league is another proposal likely to be aired at the upcoming clubs' seminar.

Again several clubs



Off overseas: AURELIO VIDMAR

are very sceptical — especially those who, under the scheme, would be punished for their forward thinking approach in years past.

Several clubs already have a reserve side, comprising players mostly in the 18-19 year old bracket.

With the scrapping of a reserve competition, these players would find themselves without a role to play — unless they drop a division.

Even a clause for the use of over-age players in any youth league would not satisfy the situation. Fringe first-team squad players would be needed for the reserve side.

THE Cove Tavern at Hallett Cove has joined the venues to host live broadcasts of English Division One games each Saturday night from August 17.

Farland P/L will be distributing the SA service, beamed in live by satellite to the Bridge Hotel in Mildura.

Para Hills, Elizabeth and Whyalla Lions soccer clubs all will screen the games.

Noarlunga United also will be involved in live broadcasts through another source.

First game to be screened is the London derby between Arsenal and Queen's Park Rangers.

That is followed by Sheffield Wednesday v Leeds; Liverpool v Everton and Chelsea v West Ham.

COULD West Adelaide please quickly settle the commotion over its nickname for the new season?

That, after all, is all it is — a nickname!

Surely that is not such a big deal — especially as some Americanised, marketing jargon looks likely.

BIRKALLA Eagles hope to fill their coaching role for next season before the end of this term.

Coach Neil

McGachey has confirmed he will not be involved again next year through pressure of business and personal commitments.

"There has been keen interest already in the position and we hope to make a decision before the end of this season," club chief Terry Wright said.

"That would give him the chance to see the players here, and see what he feels to do player-wise about next year.

"We shall not advertise the position yet as we hope we can attract the kind of person we want without that."

McGachey will decide in the next few months if he continues

at the club in an administrative capacity or makes a clean break from soccer.

Star import Kevin McCormack will leave the club at the end of the season to return to England.

He has business commitments there but would like to return to SA to play again — probably next season.

Veteran striker Gary Price confirmed at the weekend he would love to play on again next

"It has been hell being out," said Price who has had a knee reconstructed.

"I love training and playing. I have really missed that. But the knee is coming on slowly and I would like to play again next season if I get things right."

Midfielder John Williams also slowly is coming back to fitness from his knee surgery but Mike Genikas looks a new injury worry.

He only played seven minutes against Para Hills before being taken off with a recurrence of a hamstring strain.

PARA Hills, promoted from the Second Division last year is proving nobody's mug. Coach Martyn Crook has it working hard and with plenty belief in itself.

But, in a blow for the club, influential midfielder Robert Marwe looks like missing most of Para's run in to the season.

He will be sidelined with a groin injury.

YOUNG Andy Jacobs is guaranteed an entry in Blackwood's Hall of Fame.

Against Lion he came on as substitute in just 35 minutes and scored the goal which gave Blackwood its first win this season and its first in SA First Division soccer.

"There was a nice feeling in the club on Saturday night," coach Donald Campbell said.

"The win is a great boost for the club. The players and the committee have to be congratulated for their hard work and for sticking to their job."

"This was a great

day for them all. And there can still be more of us."

In a double day of club celebration, club stalwart Robin Goldfinch, in his second game as coach, helped gain Blackwood's first Reserves point of the

SECRETARY of the SA Division of the Australian Referees' Federation, Andrew Marchant, has called for clubmen, who slated the performance of referee Jim Rossis in the recent game between Croatia and Salisbury, to be reported to the SA Soccer Federation for bringing the game into disrepute.

"From the reports received from all official sources represented at the match (Match Inspector, State Director of Coaching, SASF etc) Mr Rossis had an excellent game and all cautions and send offs were correct and warranted," Marchant said.

"I commend Mr Rossis for his dedication and application of the laws of the game, which quite obviously some choose to ignore to suit their own cause."

"I hope the SASF take action over the comments made which brought the game into disrepute."

John Miller's course for cadet referees has turned out to be a real success story.

All passed and now are active on Sunday morning colt fixtures.

The feedback from clubs has been good and well received.

Local refs on Wednesday, August 21 at the Black Lion Hotel, Hindmarsh will hold a quiz night to test the knowledge and laws of the game.

Participants will be Elizabeth and Districts, Noarlunga and Districts, Amateur Refs and the SA Division competing for the annual trophy.

This is a charity night and proceeds are for Canteen to help enable children with cancer to enjoy a better lifestyle.

Socceroo stars will be in attendance.

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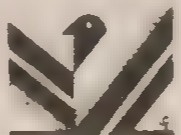
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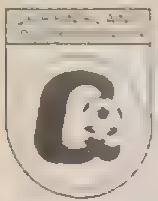


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United get ready for big NSL debut



SHANE HADDOW

Thistle are prickly

FORMER State League giants Grange Thistle are on the threshold of boom times again and are set to win a unique Second Division double.

The Lanham Park side are certain to bounce back to the XXXX League at their first attempt after relegation next year and may add to their championship silverware by clinching the inaugural Panda Cup at Perry Park this month.

Thistle stormed into the cup final after a brilliant 3-2 win over Newmarket 4-1 in last month's semi-finals. They will meet fellow Second Division side Wynnum in the final.

The Baysiders had a brilliant 3-2 win over Third Division pacesetters Mitchelton in the other semi-final.

Grange, one of

Queensland's oldest and most successful clubs, already have the psychological edge over Wynnum after beating the Wolves in a deferred fixture last week. Thistle won 2-0 to go nine points clear of second placed Inala in the Second Division premiership race.

With four games to go, Thistle needed only two more points to clinch promotion. A victory last weekend away to St Helens would have assured them of XXXX League status.

The team is not vastly different to that which was relegated last year, but the young side has been sparked by the addition of talented Scottish import Danny Docherty.

Docherty has inspired confidence into the likes of John Risone, Anthony Sommerville, David King and Gary and Darryl Heiner whose faith in their own ability was eroded by a

series of battling seasons at the bottom of the XXXX League after they had been thrown into the deep end during a radical rebuilding of the club's senior ranks.

Their real test will come next year but the side has shown enough professionalism and dedication this season to suggest there's will not be a one-year return to the top flight.

Meanwhile, an experimental Lower Division representative fixture last week is set to be repeated.

A match between Brisbane North and South sides drawn from Division Two and Three clubs resulted in an entertaining curtain raiser to the Queensland Auckland match at Perry Park.

The game finished in a 1-1 draw but many spectators rated it a better game than the main match which finished with the same scoreline.

BRISBANE United also will play top XXXX League teams in September but Bleiberg admits the preparation is far from ideal.

"The first four rounds of the NSL will still have to be our pre-season," he said. "It is only then that I will have all my players together all the time."

United have been busy negotiating with players and had approaches from two Kiwis after Queensland's clash with Auckland at Perry Park last week.

Auckland captain Carl Jorgensen, a former All White midfielder, and busy midfielder/striker Noel Barkley, an Irish Youth International, have shown interest in coming to Brisbane.

If the pair are signed, along with fellow Kiwi International Danny Halligan, who is close to signing, they would fill the club's three visa spots.

GREG RUSSELL LOOKS AT THE SUNSHINE STATE

That would rule out the club's hopes of securing Dutch International Wim Hofkens, who was rated only an outside chance of coming to Australia anyway.

Bleiberg only holds slim hopes of signing Sydney Croatia sweeper Ned Zelic despite his appeal reduced transfer fee.

"If we signed Zelic we would have to consider the number of times he will be away with the National and Olympic teams," Bleiberg said. "And then of course he is certain to end up in Europe so any signings would only be a short term thing and proba-

bly more an investment rather than a signing to fill a position."

Brisbane United already have signed up to a dozen locals on two-year contracts although they have missed on outstanding Lions youngster Darren Hillier, who has joined former Queensland coach Bruce Stowell at Newcastle Breakers.

"I don't think Hillier is up to NSL yet so I don't regard that as an immediate loss," Bleiberg said. "But it makes me wonder if Newcastle have as much money as they say if they are signing players like him rather than spending their money on more proven

players."

Players who have entered or are about to sign contracts with Brisbane United include David Hunter, Andrew Stowell, Frank Mengotti and Rob Farrow (Lions), Wayne Evans (City), Sean Cranney (Taringa), Frank Pimblett (Easts), Clayton Koch (Pine Rivers), Mark Greer and Shane Haddow (North Star).

Former Parramatta Melita defender Alan Hunter has been signed and appointed the Brisbane United Junior Development Officer while former Heidelberg striker Stuart Stevenson has agreed to terms. Brisbane United also have negotiated to trial Morwell Falcons sweeper Adrian Pender and former Croydon keeper Mirko Runje.

A second group of Brisbane locals are expected to be made offers this week.

The club has yet to announce a major sponsor or release colours, jersey or logo.

Queensland is ready to strengthen ties

QUEENSLAND could strengthen its ties with New Zealand soccer and host more sides from the shaky islands after this season's successful representative program.

The Maroons completed their home commitments with a 1-1 draw against NZ provincial champions Auckland last week and will travel to New Zealand this month to play Canterbury in the season's final representative match.

Queensland hosted Canterbury earlier this year and played fellow New Zealand provincial side Otago at Perry Park earlier in the season. Both games were draws.

The matches have strengthened the Trans-Tasman ties to such an extent the New Zealand All White Olympics (Under 23) side could play in Brisbane later in the year.

Auckland coach Doug Moore, who also

is on New Zealand's national panel, believes a Brisbane stop-over would be an ideal preparation for the Kiwis' Olympic qualifier against Fiji in October.

"It would serve as a brilliant lead-up for us," Moore said.

"The standard of the Queensland side was better than I expected. The Queensland players' technical level was commendable."

Auckland was expected to be the toughest of Queensland's matches this season but Juan Cutillas' Maroons rose to the challenge and matched the visitors in a physical if not totally entertaining encounter.

Queensland, who began the game with four new caps, were put on the back foot inside the first 10 minutes when they lost gutsy fullback Mark Greer with a knee injury. The home side looked to be set for a defeat when Mark Elrick punished an error by Maroons keeper Dave Mewburn for a 1-0 lead shortly afterwards.

It was a testing ti...

for the Maroons side, which was one of the youngest combinations fielded in many seasons. But the hosts continued to battle against an aggressive Auckland side and managed to contain the visitors to the break.

Cutillas reshuffled the team, moving makeshift fullback replacement Ken Swan back into the midfield and slotting Shane Haddow into the backline to plug the hole left by Greer.

The move paid dividends quickly with Swan's busy style creating attacking opportunities for the Maroons and forcing Auckland to curb their attacking exuberance of the first half.

Queensland's persistence was rewarded with 10 minutes remaining when Haddow used the sideline corridor to push deep into Auckland territory and cross into the centre. Peter Dwyer played a skilful first time volley to state debutant John Brown who looped an awkward shot over Auckland keeper Jason

Batty into the far side of the goal.

The result, although not a win, was enough to lift much of the pressure for success that had been on Cutillas since he took over from Bruce Stowell earlier this year.

"I thought we were unlucky not to win because we had the better of the second half," he said. "There were a few players with nerves, but they settled down and I could not have asked for more."

Cutillas rated his first representative season as a success and is keen to be reappointed next season.

"I have given many boys a chance that they have not had in previous years," he said. "You only have to look at our results to see it has been a pretty good year."

And in perhaps a veiled reference to the fact that Cutillas perhaps thinks he should have been selected as the Brisbane United coach, he added: "Give these players to me for a month and no-one will beat us."

AROUND THE NATION

Waverley riding on the crest of a wave

TRADITIONAL sporting mateship is alive and well in the Eastern Suburbs.

State League Second Division leader Waverley will play its final home game of the season at the E S Marks Sydney Athletic Field next Saturday and is confident of wrapping up the premiership by beating second placed Petersham.

Waverley is nine points clear on the table and a win will put it out of reach of its rivals with only two games to play.

The Lions are staging a Gala Day to mark the big occasion, and have called on the Eastern Suburbs community to get right behind the club in its claim for promotion to First Division.

It is the first time an Eastern Suburbs club has played such an exciting role in NSW soccer since the heady days of Sydney City.

And Waverley is determined to succeed where Sydney City failed by getting the team recognised as THE club of the Eastern Suburbs.

Even arch rival codes in rugby league and Aussie rules have come to the party with South Sydney's brilliant young five-eighth Darrell Trindall and the Sydney Swans high flyer Warwick Capper joining in the promotion.

One of the highlights of the day at Marks Field is to be a Celebrity Penalty Shoot Out competition and Waverley's former Glasgow Rangers and Blacktown striker Eric Ferguson gave the rules and rugby league lads a pointer or two on putting the round ball into the back of the net at Marks Field last week.

Waverley's Gala Day on Saturday will kick off with three junior games between teams in its affiliated Southern and Eastern District Comp.

Maroubra, Randwick and Brothers kids between 11 and 16 years old will play A grade competition games.

At noon the penalty kick competition will get under way, with a division for junior players.

Then the second grade game against Petersham, followed by a Media — Sponsors Celebrity Match in a half hour break between second and first grades.

The main clash between the top of the table teams will start on schedule at 2.30pm.

Waverley has arranged plenty of fun and games for the kids, a bouncing castle, awards for junior players, plenty of other activities and a well stocked canteen.

And if the club wraps up the Premiership around four o'clock that afternoon, what a party there'll be in the Eastern Suburbs afterwards!



Sydney Swans star Warwick Capper limbers up with Waverley during a training session

The goal machine

WAVERLEY striker Paul Harriott is clearing away with the title of leading goalscorer in the State League Second Division.

With two rounds to go, the blond 21 year old has found the back of the net 14 times, four clear of his nearest rival, Ali Nagi of Port Hacking.

Harriott's speed and combination with fellow striker Eric Ferguson and veteran Frank Leyden has been a major factor in Waverley's climb to the top of the table.

One of the telling factors in Waverley's rise

to the top of State League Second Division has been the combining of local youth with experience.

At one stage this season the Waverley Lions midfield consisted of legendary former Soccerroo Jinky Joe Watson with three teenagers who first played in the district with the local Police Boys club.

Joe's midfield partners, the brothers Robbie and Rudi Jerkovic, together with Nick Barratt, all came via the Randwick Police Boys club.

Jinky Joe was playing first grade before they were even born. He has 21 Soccerroo caps.

"I stuck around just

in case they needed someone to do their running for them," he joked. Joe is just one of the Waverley senior players coaching juniors in the area.

Apart from Watson, Waverley also boasts its coach, Alex Robertson and Robby Macpherson as former Soccerroo squad players and Frank Leyden, State League player of the year for Apia in the year before the NSL was formed, is still giving the club sterling service.

"I'm still enjoying it and it's worth the aches and pains to see these talented kids from the Eastern Suburbs getting a chance to play soccer at a top level,"

Leyden said. "Anyway, we old blokes are still cagey enough to make them fight for their places."

Waverley's first grade squad in recent weeks has included 10 players 22 or younger: Les Bihari, John Skadotis, Michael Smith, Dimi Giokaris, Paul Harriott, Nick Barratt, Rudi Jerkovic, Robbie Jerkovic, Terry Palapanis and David Sweeney.

Of these, only Michael Smith and David Sweeney were not local juniors.

Eddie Tesoro, Frank Leyden, Eric Ferguson, Barry Walker and Perry Stanbrook were the "veterans" on the 14 strong squad.

Robbie Wheatley reports...

With the commencement of pre-season training for the 1991/92 NSL season just around the corner, an excellent opportunity has been given to former and current NSL players, NSL coaches and also members of the general public to attend different levels of coaching courses to be run at the Institute of Sport under the watchful eye of head coach Ron Smith and assistant Steve O'Connor.

On Monday of this week the Level 2 Part A began for a group of 16 participants. It continues for 5 days and encompasses a wide variety of principles regarding individual and team play.

Head coach Smith has also provided a program for qualified coaches to

update their present knowledge to the standards implemented by the Australian Coaching Council which has seen additions made to the content of the Level 2 course. It now involves a Part B component requiring further 2 days to cover such areas as Biomechanics. This is a difficult part of the course but when it is practically applied to the soccer course and the type of activities a player does (eg. jump, run, head, kick, save goals etc.) the mystery is solved.

Previous courses have been attended by some super players in the NSL and Soccerroo teams of the past including Joe Watson, Alec Robertson, Gerry Gomez, Grant Lee, Jean Paul de Marigny, Tony Franken, John Kosmina, Warren Spink and a long list of other current players. The trend has been set

for an improvement and a re-generation of coaches on the Australian scene that were born here and played their entire career in the country and should become the "new breed" in the nineties.

The timing of the courses is crucial because many NSL players have not been idle in the off-season and have been continuing their soccer with games in the NSW and Victorian State Leagues. The courses allow these players to spend a week in Canberra, or less, to become further qualified.

The only drawback of the courses is the fact that Canberra in August has a terrible tendency to get a little chilly. Ron Smith has promised that a good deal of the work will be done in the indoor arena. I hope to keep him to his promise!

Hot-shot Tasmanian

Two goals and a brilliant display of midfield play by 24 year old Richard Ketchell paved the way for White Eagle's 6-1 demolition of Croatia-Glenorchy in last Wednesday's State League soccer match at KGV Soc-

cer Park.

As well as scoring twice, Ketchell had a hand in two of the other goals, scored by brothers Richard and Andrew Leszczynski.

The man-of-the-match performance was a fitting reward for Ketchell, who played with Caledonians last season after being un-

able to command a regular first-team spot with White Eagle.

He turned to the league champion this year, but has only recently become a permanent fixture in the side.

Croatia was disappointing in attack and in defence, rarely testing its former goalkeeper, Zlatko Belanic while

often leaving its own goalkeeper, Damien Smith exposed at the back.

Brett Pullen tried valiantly in midfield to impose some sort of method and purpose to Croatia's play, but it was a lost cause as Eagle increased its dominance as the match progressed.

AROUND THE NATION

THE MIKE JOHNSON REPORT



It's all go for Newcastle!



NEWCASTLE Breakers are the great hope of Australian soccer.

Newcastle Breakers can be the catalyst which sets Australian soccer alight.

Newcastle Breakers must be the spark that lights the ambition of all regional clubs throughout Australia.

Who is this Newcastle Breakers, you say? Their full title is BHP Newcastle Breakers, the representative of Newcastle in the 1991-92 National League.

Currently they are playing as BHP Austral in the NSW State League, placed mid-way in the table, a solid side enhanced by the introduction of international David Lowe.

His arrival, plus the presence of Darren Stewart of Apia, leading Queensland scorer, Nick Meredith, and other top players such as Ralph Maier, has taken the team on an extended winning streak.

Six new national league players will be signed before the 1991-92 National League kick-off in October, plus two players from England.

The club general manager is David McQuire, and the football manager, Bruce Stowell.

Apart from one conversation with President

Con Mitsios — I know little about him, or his board of directors, all of whom work in an honorary capacity, as is usual in most soccer clubs world-wide.

I am well acquainted with David McQuire and Bruce Stowell, from his playing career and having participated in coaching assignments and courses with him.

It is upon these two that the success of the Newcastle Breakers will depend in the short term.

Both will be full-time employees.

McQuire has qualifications in economics and has experience in club administration. Stowell was a good player, a leader with drive, and he has worked patiently and diligently in Queensland, coaching coaches and teams.

McQuire is an accountant by profession. He was a good goalkeeper for Wollongong's top teams and for Apia and represented NSW at senior level, not quite making the Socceroos.

He has already spent two years in Newcastle preparing for his club's entry into the National League.

During this time he amassed an impressive array of sponsorship and infrastructure.

BHP is the premier sponsor providing what David claims is one of the biggest sponsor-



Newcastle's new man ANDY KOCZKA.

ships in Australian soccer.

Other major sponsors are the local television and radio stations.

This is a switch, for media outlets to pay money for the privilege of giving publicity to soccer.

Toohey's is also a major sponsor, plus some 50 smaller firms.

Many of these will have use of the corporate boxes in the new \$1.2 million grandstand just being completed.

Four training fields, plus a nearby social club currently trading to a million dollar turnover and floodlighting for the main stadium with brilliant lights on a par with the Sydney Football Stadium, surely sounds impressive.

I was able to see it

first hand last weekend when my team went up to Newcastle to play BHP Austral.

There are 450,000 people living in the Newcastle area, including 27,000 young soccer players.

During this winter season only a few hundred have been going to watch Austral, their senior soccer team, in action.

On the other hand 18,361 watched the Newcastle Knights rugby league team in one floodlit game this year. And that was when the Knights were coming off an eight-game losing streak.

In 1977, the start of the National League, crowds of more than 15,000 were recorded to watch Newcastle KB

United, coached by Alan Vest.

Early success by the team faded and so gradually did the crowd, then so did the money, till relegation took KB back to local soccer.

Bruce Stowell is a former English professional and a midfielder with Sydney Olympic (then Pan Hellenic).

His background is similar to Alan Vest who now is coaching in Malaysia. Stowell will have a small team of coaches under him, which is also the way in England, though he will be very much a track suit manager, directly responsible to David McQuire.

This duo hold the fate of Newcastle Breakers in their hands.

There are many traps

that can ensnare people involved in such a corporate cum sporting venture.

Success in the sporting way can come with all its brightness and glitter, yet at the same time dark, financial clouds can begin to gather with all their monetary gloom.

Such has been the case with rugby league's Canberra Raiders this year, after winning two grand finals in a row.

Such has been my own club's experience after winning promotion two years in a row.

Former Canberra Raiders chief executive, John McIntyre has now stepped down.

This episode will not be lost on David McQuire who has much responsibility on his plate up in Newcastle.

Neither will Bruce Stowell let complacency dull his thinking or his drive.

Even the more conservative rugby league's Newcastle Knights lost coach McMahon in the middle of this current season.

I hope McQuire and Stowell succeed with Newcastle.

If they do, they will be an example for Canberra, Perth, Brisbane and Wollongong to follow, and perhaps Launceston after that.

We need the provincial cities to succeed in soccer, on the field and off it.

Only they can bring the numerous nationalities of the Australian population to watch their games.

At Newcastle for the first game of the National League season, Dave McQuire says there will be 10,000 spectators in attendance, minimum.

Such, he says, will be the intensive publicity campaign by the club.

The beauty about these 10,000 is that there will be among them those whose background is Uruguayan, Australian, Chilean, British, Italian, Greek, Turkish, Croatian, Serbian, Aboriginal — the lot.

The same day the next biggest crowd to this one will probably watch Sydney Olympic in Sydney.

But if they did get 10,000 to their game, almost all of them would be of Greek extraction.

The time has come for multi-racial crowds of significant numbers to attend some of our National League games.

Newcastle has a great opportunity to point the way.

There will be no other major crowd-drawing sports in Newcastle during the summer season.

Newcastle is a true hot-bed of Australian soccer.

It is a sporting city with a history of soccer behind it.

It has produced more great soccer players than any other provincial city in Australia.

What a chance for McQuire and Stowell. What a chance for President Con Mitsios and his board.

What a chance for BHP Newcastle Breakers to begin the surge to wash away soccer's ethnic image.

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JUNIOR JOTTINGS

They enjoy their soccer

BY STEVE DABBY

SOCCER in Australia is usually concentrated in the major urban centres and "The Bush" is often considered to be the domain of rugby league.

Obviously and gladly we were wrong, for after a visit to Mt Isa organised by their hardworking Mr Junior Soccer Jimmy O'Donnell, I received this great photograph from Phil Peachey of Doomadgee School.

I thought Mt Isa was isolated! Obviously

there was life beyond there and very soccer orientated life.

I've been told that the kids are very skilful and enthusiastic. Through the ABC TV programs they are starting to follow soccer and apparently Francis Awartefe is the big star.

On a more serious note soccer, I believe, does not attract enough aboriginal players. We have had great role models in Charlie Perkins and, of course, Harry Williams. We must ask ourselves: why haven't we produced the QNSL stars from the aboriginal committee and are we missing out on a great deal of hidden talent? I think we are.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD

DEFENDING champions Bass High continued on their winning way in the Commonwealth Bank Shield with a solid display in miserable, wet conditions against the Central Coast's Erina High in the first of the Inter-Regional play offs.

Bass had already defeated hapless Ashcroft 10-0, Elderslie 5-0 and Condell Park 4-1 to win the Metropolitan South West Region and were highly motivated for this encounter with Erina.

A strong start led to two well taken goals by winger Jaycie Bogdanek but a superb display by the Erina keeper, who made some excellent saves to deny Bass, kept the scoreline to 2-0 at the break.

The game's pace slowed in the wet conditions in the second half and Bass took control with accurate passing.

Devastating finishing by Michelle Watson saw her score a hat-trick of goals and striker Kelly Hall was rewarded for her unselfish display and clever positioning with a close range goal to bring up the final 6-0 scoreline.

The Bass defence played well throughout, with sisters Leisa and Kylie Fardell and Michelle Bridgen prominent.

Six Bass girls represented Metropolitan

South West at the recent Inter-Regional Championships at Parklea. Bass will play the South Coast winner (most likely Shoalhaven) in the quarter-finals.

Bass Under 15 Girls team seem to be following in the footsteps of their Senior side, having reached the final of the inaugural New South Wales Soccer Federation Cup.

With a team that includes only four regular soccer players, the girls matured into a spirited, athletic and speedy outfit. To win their section they defeated Elderslie 4-0, Eagles Vale 4-1 and Westfields 4-1.

Led by top scorers Michelle Watson, the wingers Allyson Porse and Sharon Newbery have created many chances with their blistering pace.

In the semi-final against strong St Spyridon of Maroubra, the Bass defence showed great courage. Sweeper Rachel Stibbard covered everything and goalkeeper Natalie Harrison, veteran of only four games, played with great confidence to thwart the St Spyridon attack with some excellent saves.

Bass now play Colo in the final at the Gabby Stadium in a week's time, hoping to bring up the first leg of what would be an incredible double — victory in both girls' knockouts this year.



YUNDARINYA soccer team.

Young women's titles



U16 JUNIOR NSW TEAM



U19 YOUTH NSW TEAM

The NSW team was pipped at the post by Queensland in the recent Junior Women's national titles played at Woy Woy.

With the teams locked at 1-1, the Challenge Final went to penalties and the Queenslanders came away with a 4-3 victory.

Overall, the NSW girls did themselves proud in a tournament that was a total success.

Throughout the week it had been easy to see that Queensland and NSW would dominate the tournament, although the

South Australians also gave NSW a close game.

On and off the field the conduct of the "Blues" was a credit to them, and they showed marked courage and fortitude in their matches.

The full squad was Tracey Weston, Michelle Watson, Michelle Bennie, Kylie Fardell, Megan Clayton, Fiona Mulrooney, Kellie Burges, Teresa Portalesie, Megan Cotton, Heloise Gibb, Melissa Davies, Cindy Metcalf, Belinda Pietras, Kathryn Tait, Kristen Spinner, Michelle Gosko.

Results from the games were: NSW v QLD 0-4, v NNSW 7-0, v ACT 5-0, v SA 1-0, TAS 13-0, and v VIC 12-0.

NSW captain Tracey Weston, the 15 year old from NSW State League club North Rocks, won selection in the Australian Youth squad which will meet New Zealand in three Tests in early September.

Congratulations also go to Heloise Gibb, Megan Cotton, Megan Clayton, Kristen Spinner, Michelle Watson and Belinda Pietras on winning their places in the Australian Junior squad.

COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP

A hardy band of spectators braved pouring rain at Francis Park on the occasion of the Pre-Quarter Finals of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup.

Days of glorious sunshine had given way to a monsoon, much to the chagrin of the various coaches, and would make skilful soccer almost impossible on the night.

Hurstville were stunned, when after only five minutes a great Westfields run down the right and resultant cross into Pat Barilla, was steered home and for the first time all season Hurstville were behind.

Soon they were almost back on level terms, when a Westfields' defender slipped in the treacherous conditions, and the ball fell at the feet of John Halkiadakis but Westfields keeper Zlatko Josevski made a fantastic save to deny him.

For the remainder of the half, except for the occasional Hurstville counterattack, it was all Westfields but try as they might they couldn't increase the lead, thanks to desperate Hurstville tackling and some good saves by keeper Anastasi Gregoriou.

The second half saw continuous attack from Westfields, spurred on by midfielder Dalibar Strbac and winger Sean Babic but no further goals, till after a lovely move, involving chain passing across the area by Westfields, the ball came to Sean Babic on the left wing and his blinding shot found the top left hand corner of the net.

More great runs by Babic and Barilla tormented the Hurstville defence for the remainder of the match but the score remained 2-0.

Best for Westfields were Sean Babic and Dalibar Strbac and for Hurstville Tom Lesko and Steven Miller, who tried all night.

Cardiff from Newcastle, having survived the two hour train journey, found themselves immediately behind when a through ball to Matthew Jones was slotted away to open St Dominics account.

It was a shell shocked Cardiff that saw wave upon wave of blue shirts roar down on their goal for the majority of the first half.

One Matthew Jones shot was saved but minutes later, after a scramble in the muddy penalty area Cardiff could only half clear the ball and Jones scored his second.

Straight from the restart Cardiff made a long down the left and Paul Kallias scored with an angled drive to reduce the deficit to 2-1 at half time.

The second half saw a much more confident Cardiff, and they began to dominate play. A couple of shots went narrowly wide, before a lovely ball was played into Paul Kallias in the mud, but his shot stuck in a puddle.

St Dominics weathered the storm and came back to dominate the remaining eight minutes. A shot from the right, which the Cardiff goalie was unable to hold and Greg Thomas was on the spot to score.

Just before the end another St Dominics raid down the right saw Matthew Jones bring up his hat-trick and a final scoreline of 4-1, which was no indication of the run of play.

The third game, like the other two, saw an early goal when a Holy Cross corner unluckily hit a Homebush defender's ankle and was deflected in.

One long shot from Holy Cross was only parried by the keeper but a desperate tackle relieved the situation. Then a free kick from Zan Kukucka hit the bar and was cleared before Norm Cassamento, on one of his many sorties down the left, cut in and shot.

The keeper could only parry the wet ball and Raffi Chanellian scored to increase Holy Cross' lead.

Homebush were not to be denied and a break from Roger Jakolovic saw the ball again go narrowly wide. It was Homebush's last chance and the game ended with Holy Cross 2-0 victors.

Holy Cross' best were Norm Cassamento and Peter Aldini and for Homebush Ozan Tuuz and keeper Peter Kambouris.

Westfields and Holy Cross will meet in the Sydney Quarter-Final in a fortnight's time at Francis Park, whilst St Dominics will travel to meet the winner of Whitebridge (Newcastle) and Oxley (Tamworth) in their Quarter-Final.

Old Man River Plate



Alfredo Di Stefano in action for River Plate in 1947

River Plate of Argentina, one of the world's great clubs, founded by a group of youngsters from "La Boca" suburb, on May 25, 1901, is 90 years old.

None of the founders probably ever imagined what the small and humble riverside club would turn into as the years went by.

Member of the Argentine First Division from 1908, River took a leading role in the split over professional football in the 1920s and have been making headlines ever since.

In the early 1930s they spent heavily on star players, earning the "Millonarios" (Millionaires) nickname which persists even to these

days when Argentine football is beset by a major financial crisis.

River Plate is the Argentine club with the best local record: 21 league titles in its rich history; the one that has longer kept its First Division place (83 years); one of the three clubs in Argentine soccer that have never been relegated (together with arch rivals Boca Juniors and Independiente) and the team which earned the largest number of points since the establishment of professionalism in the country, in 1931.

River Plate scored more victories and has more goals converted than any other club since 1931, and is the only club to attain the national tri-

championship twice, with the best series of championships won: five over six possible ones, in 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956 and 1957.

No trophy is missing from its showcases. In 1986, after winning the Libertadores Cup and the Toyota Cup, River was able to settle an ancient debt with its own historical record.

An endless list of great stars went through its ranks during its illustrious 90 years of existence.

Among them, members of the Argentine squad that won the World Cup in 1978: skipper Daniel Passarella, brilliant goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol, Alberto Tarantini, Leopoldo Lu-

que, Norberto Alonso and the highest scorer Mario Kempes. Also in the distinguished list are Alfredo Di Stefano, arguably one of the best players of the last 50 years in the world; Uruguayan midfielder Enzo Francescoli, Ramon Diaz, Nery Pumpido, Enrique Omar Sívori, Roberto Perfumo, Amadeo Carrizo, Adolfo Pedernera, Angel Labruna, Bernabe Ferreira, Nestor Rossi, Felix Loustau, current Argentine skipper Oscar Ruggeri, Luis Artime, Walter Gomez, Jose Manuel Moreno, Erminio Onega Oscar Mas, and many more.

A long and remarkable list that made it possible for River Plate to attain its past and present glory.

Maradona is to start again



Maradona after last year's World Cup final

DIEGO Maradona, undergoing drug rehabilitation and banned from soccer until next July for failing a dope test, is to start training with his former club, Boca Juniors.

The disgraced brilliant midfielder, who faces drug charges in his country and in Italy, told reporters at Boca Junior's stadium that he will join the club's First Division squad training sessions from this week.

Maradona, however, said he still had not made up his mind on whether he would return to professional football. In April, after the Italian league punished him with a 15-month ban, he told a television reporter that he was sick of the game.

"I want to enjoy with my family this free time that the ban has imposed on me", he said after watching Boca Juniors 1-1 draw against Racing Club for the Pre-Libertadores league.

"I am spending this time with my wife and kids and later, once the Italian tribunal's ban is up, I will decide what to do, whether I will continue in the game or not, but I have nearly a year ahead of me," Maradona added.

Boca Juniors players appeared thrilled by the idea of working with the former Argentine skipper.

"I am very happy because Diego congratulated me after the match and because he will be training with us," said

striker Gabriel Batistuta, a star of the Argentine national team which won the Copa America. Batistuta was the highest scorer of the last Argentine Soccer League and also the top scorer of the South American championship.

Diego Maradona, the former Napoli club captain, often hailed as the world's best soccer player of the last twenty years, was banned when a urine test carried out after an Italian league match last March revealed traces of cocaine.

He returned to Buenos Aires, where late in April he was arrested with two friends and charged with cocaine possession and with freely supplying the drug to others.

Maradona, 30, is now free on bail and due on trial there. He could face a prison sentence ranging from two to 12 years if found guilty.

In his first press interview since been arrested on cocaine charges three months ago, Diego Maradona said he had paid for his mistakes and that drugs were now just an ugly memory for him.

"They are an ugly memory, very ugly," Diego said in an interview recorded at his home and aired during a political chat show. "Although I have made a lot of mistakes, I think I have already paid for them. 'Now I think of the future of my daughters,' added Maradona at the end of the interview.

US trials

CONCACAF champion the United States will play in the 1993 South American soccer championship as preparation for the 1994 World Cup, the Confederation of North and Central American and Caribbean Football announced.

Under the agreement, reached with the Confederation of South American Football (CONMEBOL), the United States as the winner of the recently completed CONCACAF Gold Cup and another nation from the region, likely to be Mexico, will participate in the tournament, known as the America Cup.

Previously, the tournament was open only to the 10 South American nations.

"The agreement was

reached to achieve better co-operation between South and North American soccer," Francisco Figueredo Brites, manager of the South American Confederation, said in Asuncion, Paraguay.

In addition, 1991 Copa America champion Argentina and another South American nation will participate in the 1993 CONCACAF Gold Cup. The United States won the inaugural Gold Cup on July 7 and Argentina won the Copa America on July 21.

The United States and Argentina also will play next year in the first Americas Challenge Cup.

That game could mark the return to soccer of Argentina captain Diego Maradona, whose 15-month suspension for a positive cocaine test runs until June 30, 1992.

Birthday

The South American Football Confederation celebrated its 75th birthday during the recent Copa America.

Seventy five years ago, on July 9, 1916, the South American Football Confederation saw the light thanks to the zeal and insight of a Uruguayan leader, Hector Gomez.

Argentina, Brazil and Chile, spontaneously and full of enthusiasm decided to participate in the new association, which at present centralises and manages South American soccer, based on the fundamental principles of brotherhood and sporting spirit that those inspired forerunners have bequeathed.

These same outstanding pioneers decided to organise the South American Football Championship, also a pioneer competition in its structure and regional interrelation.

The first edition of this old and thrilling contest was played in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at the same time that the Confederation's first stone was laid.

Uruguay was the first champion, with the host nation the runner-up.

Since then, 35 championships have been played, with arch-rivals Uruguay and Argentina winning it 13 times each, Brazil four, Paraguay and Peru two each and Bolivia one.

The recently finished Copa America, held in Chile was won, after 32 years of drought, by World Cup runner-up Argentina.

South American soccer has risen to the top level attained by the world powers thanks to its past and present leaders, and the inexhaustible quarry of brilliant footballers.

Supercup

Fifteen teams will participate in this year's South American Championships of Champion Clubs for the Joao Havelange trophy, better known as the Supercup.

This competition is reserved only for past and present winners of the Copa Libertadores.

Argentina will be represented by River Plate, Independiente, Boca Juniors, Racing Club, Estudiantes de la Plata and Argentinos Juniors. Representing Brazil will be Flamengo, Gremio, Cruzeiro and Santos. Uruguayan

representatives will be the two big guns Penarol and Nacional, while for Paraguay, Colombia and Chile, Olimpia, Atletico Nacional and Colo Colo will play.

Colo Colo, the current South American champion, will face European champion Red Star of Yugoslavia in Tokyo, next December 8, for the Toyota Cup, the world club championship.

It will be the first time in the history of the Cup that a Chilean and a Yugoslav team reach the final of the most important trophy at club level in the world.

Another US star goes East



US captain PETER VERMES is heading for the Spanish Second Division to join team-mate TAB RAMOS at Figueras.

ANOTHER US soccer player heads East.

US striker and captain Peter Vermes has decided to join the rush of Yankee soccer players in Europe by signing a one-year contract with Spanish Second Division club Figueras.

At Figueras, he'll join team-mate Tab Ramos who suggested the Spaniards end their search for a forward by looking in America.

"Tab told them I would fit in perfectly," said Vermes. "They left it to Tab to sign me up."

The US Soccer Federation, which holds Vermes' contract, on Monday handed over its captain to the Spaniards.

"I've been waiting for the right situation to go to Europe," said Vermes. "This is a good one in every way —

competition, financial, everything.

"The style will be different, but Bora (US coach Bora Milutinovic) has helped me a lot with the tactical aspect of my game and with my positioning on the field."

While every South American national team coach dreads the day another international heads to Europe, Milutinovic smiles whenever one of his men is signed up by the Europeans. He'd even pack their bags if he could.

Europe offers the competition Milutinovic can't find for his men in the US while the Yankees lack of professional National League.

And by 1994, when the World Cup heads to the US, the Europeans may just pay dearly for the education they have offered to the nomadic Yankees.

Vermes is headed for his third European club. He played in Europe in 1988 with Raba Eto in the Hungarian First Division and the next season tried his luck with FC Volendam in the Dutch First Division.

Paul Caligiuri, the eccentric US striker who stayed in Europe after the 1990 World Cup in Italy, has been lured back to the US after hearing of the success the Americans have had under Milutinovic, who has had only one loss in 10 matches since taking over the US squad in May.

Caligiuri is now confused. Does he head back to Europe and try his luck in Germany or stay in the US to prove to Milutinovic he is a worthwhile prospect for the World Cup squad?

US midfielder John Harkes, the first American

to play in a Cup-winning team in England, returns to the US this week but he won't be donning the US colours in the Philadelphia Cup match at Veterans Stadium.

Harkes has chosen to stay with Sheffield Wednesday, America's ninth opponent in its 12-game World Series of soccer tour.

The Americans will certainly not be short of experience by 1994.

After touring Europe in August and September, Milutinovic will bring his Yankees home for an international against... North Korea.

For the first time since the Korean Peninsula was split by communism in the North and democracy in the South, the North Korean Sports Ministry has agreed to an invitation to tour the US.

The match will be played in Washington's Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in the third week of October.

North Korea's decision to tour the US comes as a surprise because the Koreans were angered last year when the Americans did not respond to their invitation to a match in Pyongyang, their capital.

The US Soccer Federation has since apologised for its rudeness and offered a game in its capital.

The historic match has been secured by the diplomacy of a woman, 42-year-old marketing specialist Jung Sook Koh, who left Korea in 1968 to find her fortune in New York City.

She is also busy arranging a women's soccer tournament in Pyongyang, where the successful US women's team will be among six foreign entries.

If there is any doubt about the popularity of soccer in the US today, then the attendance figures for 1991 should put to rest the false impression given by a Sports Illustrated survey.

Of the top 10 crowds to watch soccer in the US, five have been seen in 1991.

The 51,272 who saw the US play Ireland to a 1-1 draw on June 1 at Foxboro Stadium gave the US its fifth-largest crowd at a soccer match and the 41,103 at Chicago's Soldier Field two weeks later when the US played Italian club AC Milan ranks No. 7.

At the recent CONCACAF Gold Cup in California, US soccer saw three matches produce crowds that now rank No. 8, 9 and 10 on the top 10.

There were 41,103 to see the US beat Mexico, 39,873 at the final between the US and

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Honduras and 37,703 at the group match between the US and Costa Rica.

All these large crowds have come under the reign of Milutinovic, the Yugoslav who has transformed soccer in America. Perhaps Sports Illustrated, which found soccer

didn't rank among the top 20 favoured sports in America, should try its survey again.

THE TOP 10

73,265 US 3, Costa Rica 0. Stanford Stadium, July 29, 1984★
63,624 US 0, Italy 1.

Rose Bowl, July 31, 1984★

61,000 US 1, USSR 3. Stanford Stadium, February 24, 1990

54,973 US 1, Egypt 1. Stanford Stadium, August 2, 1984★

51,272 US 1, Ireland 1. Foxboro Stadium, June, 1991

43,356 US 1, Dnepr 0. Franklin Field, August 25, 1989

41,541 US 1, AC Milan 1. Soldier Field, June 16, 1991

41,103 US 2, Mexico 0. Memorial Coliseum, July 5, 1991

39,873 US 4, Honduras 3. Memorial Coliseum, July 7, 1991

36,703 US 3, Costa Rica 2. Memorial Coliseum, July 3, 1991

★ 1984 Olympic Games.

The moment of truth for expats

PAUL Okon and Lorenz Kindtner have settled in at Club Brugge and have started training with the crack Belgian side, winners of last season's national Cup competition.

The Belgian First Division competition kicks off on August 17, but first Brugge will meet reigning champions Anderlecht in the Belgian Super Cup in Brussels this week.

"We have less than two weeks to win a place in the first team.

"Clubs are allowed to register any number of imports but can only play a maximum of three in a game," said Okon.

"Italy is on my mind for the future but Belgium is the starting point.

"Everyone saw how much Socceros Frank Farina and Graham Arnold improved after their experience in Europe and I want to get to that high level."

Okon and Kindtner will share rooms until they become more established and can find separate apartments.

Kindtner said his main objective apart from the experience was to improve his scoring ability in front of goal.

"I need to learn how to take more snap shots and not pass the ball to someone else," he said.

"Somehow I haven't had as much confidence as others and have been giving the scoring decision to other players even when I've been in a good position."



PAUL OKON: ready to make bid.

Kindtner has played only one full season for Sunshine George Cross in the National League and was prepared to stay in the NSL until he received the approach from Belgium which led to his and Okon's \$300,000 transfers.

"Soccer is going to be my life and I'm prepared to do everything that's required to improve my game," said Okon.

"I need to polish my fitness, technique and

skills but most especially my heading which is my major weakness."

Okon revealed that when he was 16, he jumped to head a ball during a club match and received an elbow in the face from an opponent which broke his nose.

"Every time I go up to head the ball I get scared. I'm slowly improving but if I want to play Belgian First Division football I can't be afraid to head the ball," said Okon.

MARSEILLE REBUFFED AGAIN

EINTRACHT Frankfurt have rejected a record Bundesliga offer of \$15 million from French club Olympique Marseille for their international midfield star Andreas Moller.

Frankfurt's decision is the latest blow to the French champions who have had several offers turned down, including two in the past two days.

Before Moller, Eng-

land midfielder David Platt opted to join Bari in Italy instead of moving to France.

But with the French season now under way, Marseille's free-spending president Bernard

Tapie cannot persuade any of the foreign stars he wants to join his side, the losing finalists in last season's European Champions' Cup.

And his approaches are beginning to annoy

some rival club bosses.

Frankfurt vice-president Bernd Holzenbein described the offer for the 23-year-old German midfielder as "conceited".

Moller himself said: "The proposal and the fact from all the evidence it was Franz Beckenbauer who suggested my name to Tapie delights me."

But club coach Klaus Gerster said "neither Eintracht Frankfurt nor the player are interested in this proposed transfer".

Moller is under contract with Frankfurt until 1992.

Money is apparently no object for Tapie, who has promised to buy a top foreign striker to partner Jean-Pierre Papin, France's leading scorer last year.

Papin, incidentally, features large in AC Milan's 1992/93 plans — when Ruud Gullit will leave the Italian club.

That is also the season Milan return to European after a one-year ban.

Tapie reportedly offered to better the British transfer record fee that Bari paid for Platt.

Marseille have already been linked with Thomas Skurhavy, the Czechoslovak goalscorer who plays for Genoa in Italy.

But the 26-year-old announced that he had signed a contract to keep him at Genoa till 1996.

Similarly, Spanish champions Barcelona made it known in response to French press reports that their Danish striker Michael Laudrup is not available.

And AC Milan are thought to have turned down an approach for Gullit.

CONTINENTAL TRANSFERS

FRENCH clubs, Marseille in particular, dominated the off-season transfer market in Europe.



Below we publish a list of the major transfers on the Continent, not involving British or Italian clubs.

While big transfers — big in terms of money changing hands — were rare in Europe during the close season, it was a different story in Italy, what with the multi-million deals involving David Platt, Dragan Stojkovic and Stefan Reuter, just to name the more prominent ones.

Who went where, on the Continent in the past six weeks:



LAURENT FOURNIER: now in Paris.

PLAYER	FROM	TO
John ALDRIDGE	R. Sociedad	Tranmere R.
Jocelyn ANGLOMA	Paris S.G.	Marseille
Willyam AYACHE	Marseille	Nimes
Roberto BÖCKLI	Aarau	FC Zurich
Stephane CHAPUISAT	Bayer U.	Borussia D.
Patrick COLLETER	Montpellier	Paris S.G.
Fabrice DIVERT	Caen	Montpellier
Jean L. DOGON	Bordeaux	Marseille
Laurent FOURNIER	Marseille	Paris S.G.
Geraldo D.P. GERALDÃO	Porto	Paris S.G.
Bruno GERMAIN	Marseille	Paris S.G.
Andreas GIELCHEN	FC Koln	MSV Duisburg
Hossam HASSAN	PAOK	Neuchatel X.
Stefan KOHN	Bochum	Werder B.
Hendrie KRÜZEN	Kortrijk	Liege
Paul LE GUEN	Nantes	Paris S.G.
Jean C. LEMOULT	Montpellier	Nimes
Carmelo MICCICHE	Cannes	Nancy
Giuseppe MANFREDI	Lugano	Sion
Tamas MONOS	G Ekeren	Liege
Lars OLSEN	Brondby	Trabzonspor
Bernard PARDO	Marseille	Paris S.G.
RICARDO	Benfica	Paris S.G.
Bertrand REUZEAU	Lille	Montpellier
Refik SABANADZOVIC	Red Star	AEK
John SIVEBAEK	St. Etienne	Monaco
Christian SCHREIER	Bayer L.	Fortuna D.
Jochim STADLER	Kaisers.m	Borussia M.
Horst STEFFEN	Bayer U.	Borussia M.
Dusan TITTEL	Slovan Brat.	Nimes
Carlos VALDERRAMA	Montpellier	Valladolid
Zoran VULIC	Mallorca	Nantes
Adrie VAN TIGGELEN	Anderlecht	PSV Eindh.
Per ZETTERBERG	Anderlecht	Charleroi



JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN: the Marseille captain is in his last season at Marseille. He's expected to move to Italy for the 1992/93 season.

2006 WORLD CUP SITE?

SOUTH Africa is the obvious choice to host the 2006 World Cup finals, the head of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) said at the end of a fact-finding trip to the republic.

Issa Hayatou, who is also a vice-president of FIFA, soccer's world governing body, said before leaving: "South Africa would be the obvious choice to host the biggest football tournament in the world, after seeing for myself the facilities, the standard of football and other general aspects of the game here."

The South African Press Association quoted Hayatou as saying that following Cameroun's impressive showing in the 1990 finals in Italy, FIFA had given the go-ahead for the 2006 tournament to be played in Africa.

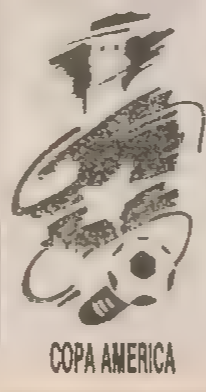
Copa America soon expanded

The South America Football Confederation (CONMEBOL) is considering inviting Mexico and United States to compete in their next championship.

The 1993 Copa America is likely to be staged in Argentina, as it was in 1987.

Argentina is tipped to get the tournament because the Argentine Football Association will be celebrating its centenary that year.

The South Americans are keen for the region's CONCACAF nations to play in the Copa America, now restricted to the 10 CONMEBOL members.



French League action between Robbie Slater's Lens and Toulouse.



Gento on scouting mission to Chile

BY LOU GAUTIER

Francisco "Paco" Gento, the great Real Madrid left winger in their glory years of the 50s and early 60s, was an interested spectator at the Copa America in Chile.

The 57-year-old was on a scouting mission for Real.

Gento, however, returned to Spain somewhat disappointed.

Real sent him to unearth a defender and a play-making midfielder, but those were in short supply in Santiago and Vina del Mar, the two sites for the South American championship.

Gento was fascinated by the enthusiasm and passion of the Chilean fans right through the 10-nation tournament, but the tactics on view depressed him as he expected more individual talent to shine through.

Gento entered the following names on his note book to take back to Madrid as possible Real buys in the near future: Marco Etcheverri, of Bolivia; Garrido and Vilches, of Chile; Neto, of Brazil; Ecuador's Aguinaga and Monzon of Paraguay.

But the players who impressed him most were all from eventual champions Argentina — Caniggia, Batistuta and Leonardo Rodriguez.



CLAUDIO CANIGGIA: impressive.

Olivares of Peru eludes Suarez of Paraguay in 1991 Copa America action. Neither player caught the eye of the talent scouts assembled in Chile.

DIEGO MARADONA TRIAL LIKELY

AN Argentinian court has found Diego Maradona responsible for drug possession, clearing the way for a criminal trial.

Federal Judge Amelia Berraz de Vidal has decided that the evidence gathered since Maradona, 30, and two friends were arrested on April 26 in a Buenos Aires flat was sufficient to bring them on charges of drug possession.

If convicted, Maradona could be sentenced to a maximum of two years in prison.

In Argentina, a judge weighs evidence to decide whether formal charges should be brought against a defendant.

The judge also oversees the trial, decides on guilt or innocence, and imposes a sentence.

No date has been set for Maradona's trial.

The judge is also examining evidence against Maradona on a charge of supplying cocaine to others for free.

A court official, who asked not to be identified, said the judge had confirmed Maradona's preventive arrest, a decision that would not affect him since he was freed on bail after spending a day in jail.



If found guilty of supplying drugs to others, the former Argentina skipper could face up to 12 years in prison.

Maradona, who also faces drug charges in Italy, is undergoing drug rehabilitation treatment.

Before his arrest the Napoli club captain had been banned from playing soccer until July 1992 for failing a dope test after an Italian league match in March.

Since returning to Argentina he has said that he wants to quit professional soccer, complaining that he is sick of the game.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER

• Venezuelan Copa America goalkeeper Frasciana, one of the best keepers in Chile last month, will play in Bolivia next season — for that country's top club side, Blooming.

• Peruvian international defender Maestri, who broke his right shin in the Copa America match against Chile, is being sought after by Dutch side Den Bosch.

• Besiktas, the Turkish First Division club, are negotiating with three top European goalkeepers — Hungarian international Zsolt Petry, Swedish star Thomas Ravelli and Dynamo Kiev's Alexander Zidkov — as replacement for Engin, who has joined rivals Fenerbahce, now coached by Joe Venglos.

• The Bulgarian season will kick off on August 17, two weeks later than usual. The Bulgarian Federation also decided to scrap the Soviet Army Cup, a pre-season competition now very much in disfavor, what with glasnost and perestroika and anti-Communist sentiment evidenced even in normally pro-Soviet Bulgaria.

• Veteran Yugoslav midfielder Safet Susic has been transferred from Paris St Germain to Second Division Red Star Paris. Susic, 36, was given a free transfer after seven loyal seasons at PSG. Susic now has dual, Franco-Yugoslav nationality.

• Despite the uncertainty surrounding the Yugoslav league, which was due to kick off on August 3, European champions Red Star Belgrade still bought three players — Ivic (Proleter), Tanjga (Vojvodina) and goalkeeper Lekovic (Buducnost). Partizan acquired Vorkapic from Vojvodina and Brnovic from Buducnost.

• Gradjanski (ex-Dinamo Zagreb) have made one big off-season buy: they acquired Sliskovic from Zeljeznicar Sarajevo, but have balked at the asking price of \$2.4 million by Hajduk Split for their striker Boksic.

• Salgueiros, the Portuguese entrant in this season's UEFA Cup (their first round opponents are Cannes of France) have a strong Yugoslav connection as they are not only coached by former Benfica star Zoran Filipovic, but also have three Yugoslav players in their ranks — fullbacks Milovac and Djinsivic, and midfielder Nikolic.

• Goalkeeper Aumann is the new captain of Bayern Munich after the retirement of long-serving Klaus Augenthaler. His position at stopper will be filled by an almost unknown player, Oliver Kreuzer, who last season operated at Karlsruhe.

• Marseille won the pre-season Paris international tournament, first beating Flamengo of Brazil 1-0, then Sporting Lisbon 1-0 in the final. Local side Paris St Germain came third.

• Dusan Tittel, the Czechoslovakian international defender who played against Australia earlier this year, has joined newly promoted French First Division club Nimes from Slovan Bratislava. Tittel has eight A caps to his name.

• Marseille have transferred three players to Paris St Germain — Bernard Pardo, Laurent Fournier and Bruno Germain — in exchange for one of France's most exciting prospects — 21-year-old midfielder Jocelyn Angloma, who is on the verge of a brilliant career with Michel Platini's French national team.

• Barcelona have signed 24-year-old Real Mallorca midfielder Miguel Angel Nadal. Barca boss Johan Cruyff believes he will soon take over from Michel as playmaker of the Spanish national team.

• Another Real Mallorca player has been transferred. This time it's Yugoslav international libero, Zoran Vulic. The 30-year-old with 25 A caps has joined French side Nantes in a three-year deal worth \$2 million.

Faroe Islands can't go "home"

THE Faroe Islands will have to play their "home" games in the European Championship qualifiers in Sweden, UEFA ruled.

The islanders' Group 4 rivals Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland have refused to play in the brand-new stadium in Toftir.

They argued that the Faroes have already played one "home" tie, against Austria, in a third country — so they should play the others abroad as well.

The new Faroe Islands' fixtures are as follows:

- September 11: v Northern Ireland (at Landskrona, Sweden)
- September 24: v Denmark (at Landskrona, Sweden)
- October 10: v Yugoslavia (Landskrona, Sweden)

GALA GAME FOR FIFA-UNICEF

FORMER England coach Bobby Robson has been named as a co-coach of a Rest of the World team that will play World Cup winner Germany in a FIFA-UNICEF exhibition game.

Robson, now in charge of Dutch club PSV Eindhoven, will link with current US coach Bora Milutinovic, the former coach of Mexico and Costa Rica, to handle the Rest team

for the match in Munich on October 8.

Milutinovic, last month led the United States to its first major soccer title, the championship of the North

and Central American and Caribbean region.

The Rest of the World team named by FIFA last month is:

• **Goalkeepers:** Sergio Goycochea (Argentina), Rene Higuita (Colombia).

• **Defenders:** Miroslav Kadlec (Czechoslovakia), Jorginho (Brazil), Peter Larssen (Sweden), Jose Carlos Mozer (Brazil), Oscar Ruggeri (Argentina), John Sivebaek (Denmark).

• **Midfielders:** John Harkes (United States), Robert Prosinecki (Yugoslavia), Enzo Scifo (Belgium), Dragan Stojkovic (Yugoslavia), Carlos Valderrama (Colombia), Chris Waddle (England).

• **Forwards:** John Barnes (England), Paolo Futre (Portugal), Ruud Gullit (Netherlands), Amaldo Iguaran (Colombia), Kim Joo Sung (South Korea), Michael Laudrup (Denmark), Gary Lineker (England), Abedi Pele (Ghana), Ian Rush (Wales), Thomas Skurahvy (Czechoslovakia), Marco van Basten (Netherlands), Ivan Zamorano (Chile).



RENE HIGUITA: "Rest of the World" goalkeeper in gala match.

Unity key to South African readmission

UNITY is the key to South Africa's return to international soccer, according to Confederation of African Football (CAF) president Issa Hayatou.

Heading a three-man CAF fact-finding delegation to Johannesburg, Hayatou said African countries were eager to see South African soccer players back in the world arena but the problem of unity would first have to be solved.

Currently two bodies claim to represent South African soccer players — the newly-

formed South African Football Association (SAFA) and the black-led South African National Football Association (SANFA).

Both bodies have complete unity. You cannot have two bodies representing the same country," Hayatou said.

During their visit, the delegates held talks with both SAFA and SANFA to try convince them to unite.

After its five-day mission, the delegation reported back to CAF, which is scheduled to make a recommendation on South Africa's return to FIFA in September.

ptember.

SAFA general secretary Solomon Morewa said he was confident the CAF delegation "will endorse our return to the international game after seeing for themselves the progress we have made."

But former Manchester United, England and Kaiser Chiefs goalkeeper Gary Bailey warned that South African standards are way below international ones.

"The gap is very, very big," he said. "There's no way South Africa will compete on the international stage with any distinction for a long time to come."

SEVEN SHINING STARS



A jubilant Darko Pancev and team-mates on a lap of honour in Bari after Red Star's European Champions' Cup triumph.

Darko Pancev was the controversial choice as Yugoslav Player of the Year for 1990/91.

The Red Star Belgrade striker, despite winning the Golden Boot for scoring the most league goals in Europe last season (34), was not expected to finish ahead of team-mate Robert Prosinecki.

The 22-year-old midfielder, however, did not even finish second in the Top Ten Players' list published by the "Politika" newspaper of Belgrade.

The runner-up spot was filled by another Red Star player, classy defender Miodrag Belodedic, the former Romanian international.

Hajduk Split's Robert Jarni was fourth, Dejan Savicevic, of Red Star, fifth and Zvonimir Boban, of HASK Gradjanski (ex-Dinamo Zagreb) sixth.

Red Star captain, goalkeeper Stevan Stojanovic, and his team-mate Ilija Najdoski are next on the Top Ten list, which is rounded off by Partizan's Mijatovic and Red Star's Mihajlovic.

It's not surprising that European Champions' Cup winners Red Star have no less than seven players in the Top Ten.

And while on the subject of Red Star, banned from playing at their home ground in Yugoslavia, they decided that they would begin their defence of the title in the Hungarian town of Szeged.

They will play Northern Ireland's Portadown on September 18.

"We first thought of Bari, where we won the cup in May, but we realised it's a bit too far away," Red Star's general secretary Vladimir Cvetkovic said.

The club opted for Szeged as it was only 160km north of Belgrade and 15km from the Hungarian-Yugoslav border, he said.

Red Star were banned from playing at home for one match after crowd disturbances during and after the semi-final with Bayern Munich last April.



FIFA president Joao Havelange hugs Palé after the great one's appointment last week as spokesman for the United Nations' Committee on the Environment.

ON THE FENCE

Remember all the publicity in praise of the supposedly ultra-safe perimeter fencing at Nimes in France?

They're being replaced because they are not secure enough!

Witschge for Barcelona

Dutch international midfielder Richard Witschge has joined Spanish champions Barcelona from Ajax Amsterdam.

Ajax's finance manager Arie van Os announced that Witschge, 21, had signed a seven-year contract with the Spanish.

Van Os would neither confirm nor deny a Dutch newspaper report that Barcelona, coached by former Dutch soccer star Johan Cruyff, paid around \$5 million for Witschge.



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St Mirren boss gets tough!

David Hay, the man once booted out by Celtic for being "too nice", is proving he won't be a soft touch any longer.

The St. Mirren manager has had to get tough to shake up the Paisley club who only stayed in the Premier League by virtue of the mid-season reconstruction which meant no relegation from the Top Ten.

He's already said 'adios' to Spanish World Cup star Victor because the veteran was struggling for pace.

He's offloaded former Spurs and Barcelona ace Steve Archibald because his £6,500 weekly wage was draining the club's coffers.

And he's told Paul Kinnaid to pack his bags after the winger gossiped about the club in a newspaper.

And Hay aims to be just as ruthless with the rest of his players as he strives to rebuild the struggling Saints.

He's made everyone available for transfer at the right price but admits: "There are some here I don't want to lose but who I might have to sell just to raise the money to finance other deals."

It's all a far cry from Hay's five-year reign as Celtic manager when he often claimed he was too good in protecting his players from harsh reality.

Eventually he paid the price when he became the first manager in Celtic's history to be sacked and, four years on, he

'I don't really care what people think of me any more'



DAVID HAY



forget it and I won't forgive some of the people involved, but if you think about it too much it only makes you bitter and you don't gain anything in life from that."

Hay could hardly have been labelled a failure in his time at Parkhead. He won a title, was runner-up three times and won the Scottish Cup.

It was Graeme Souness' arrival at Rangers which sparked Hay's Celtic departure and he feels the board panicked into making him a sacrificial lamb when the title went to Ibrox in 1987.

"If Rangers hadn't changed the rules of the game I don't think Billy McNeill would have been asked back," Hay continues. "But the board regarded his return as the equivalent of a big signing and I suffered because of it."

"In the past people guessed I was a soft touch and took advantage of that. I put too many people before myself at Celtic, but that won't happen again. I aim to look after number one."

"There was a time when I worried what people thought of me. Now I don't really care and that is probably the biggest difference in my personality. I only truly care about my family."

Since his Parkhead agony, Hay has won the Norwegian Championship with Lillestrom and had a spell as No.2 at Watford to Colin Lee.

But his thoughts are now only on the future and St. Mirren. He says: "I used the last few matches of the season to assess the players I had and now know who I want to stay and those who can go."

OUT: ARCHIBALD
too dear



OUT: VICTOR
too slow

admits: "After that, I couldn't see the day when I would ever come back into football in any capacity."

"I could have lived with the sacking, but the heartless manner in which it was done hurt me."

"That aspect of my career will never be forgotten. With hindsight, I was probably too nice to the Celtic directors and even the chairman said on the day I was dismissed that I was 'too nice a guy' as though that was a weakness."

Hay prefers not to dwell on those events any more. "I won't

OUT: KINNAID
too talkative

CHARLIE NICHOLAS TESTIMONIAL

CHARLIE Nicholas came back to haunt Arsenal as the English champions struggled to a 2-2 draw with Celtic in a testimonial at Highbury last week.

Nicholas, who was judged surplus to requirements by Arsenal chief George Graham three years ago, opened the scoring for the Scottish Premier Division side after 15 minutes of Paul Davis' testimonial.

Alan Smith made it all square in the 49th minute and Lee Dixon looked to have wrapped it up for the Gunners after a 70th minute penalty.

His shot was blocked by Republic of Ireland goalkeeper Packie Bonner but Dixon converted the rebound.

However, Celtic's Polish defender Dariusz Wondolowski soon made up for having laid on Smith's earlier goal with a slack back-pass, blasting home a 30-yard free-kick in the 75th minute.

OLDHAM'S CAPTURE

NEWLY-promoted English First Division club Oldham have signed former Coventry captain Brian Kilcline for \$880,000.

"I wasn't wanted at Coventry and I am sure I have made the right choice," said the defender, an FA Cup winner with them in 1987.

Oldham, Second Division champions last season, are returning to the top level for the first time since 1923.

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OLDHAM



PEAKE FACES £100,000 BOOZE TAB

COVENTRY skipper Trevor Peake looks like being the biggest loser after the Scottish 'booze up' which resulted in him being sent home with teammates Kenny Sansom and Lloyd McGrath.

Peake will be kicked out of Highfield Road after eight years as a Coventry first-teamer. And that means the

34-year-old defender can kiss goodbye to a lucrative testimonial match in a couple of seasons' time which would have been worth £100,000.

Manager Terry Butcher instantly put six-footer Peake on the transfer list and notified all other League clubs that he is available.

It could mean a return to the lower divisions for ex-Lincoln man Peake, so popular with the Coventry fans

that he was named as their Player of the Year for the 1985-86 season.

Penalty

Butcher will decide tomorrow what action to take in the case of former England star Sansom and midfielder man McGrath. He is likely to hit both with a hefty fine.

The trio went on the town in Troon — Coventry's base for a pre-season tournament — while the rest of the

players were on the golf course.

Butcher's misery continued as Coventry lost a penalty shoot-out against his old club Rangers in the Forum International tournament at Kilmarnock last weekend.

Save

Keeper Steve Ogri-zovic saved a Sandy Robertson spot-kick just a couple of minutes from the end of normal time

as the match ended 1-1. But Coventry's luck ran out as the Scottish champions clinched the shoot-out 4-3, with Andy Gorm their hero as he saved shots from Brian Borrows and Kevin Gallagher.

Substitute Paul Furlong had given Coventry the lead eight minutes from time only for Rangers to equalise through John Spencer within 60 seconds following a mistake by Andy Pearce.

Ian is right Royle raver

BIG Ian Marshall made Joe Royle happy and the big-money boys blush at the weekend.

He showed up team-mate Graeme Sharp and Tranmere's John Aldridge by scoring the only goal as First Division newcomers Oldham won a friendly 1-0 at sweltering Prenton Park.

Marshall, the centre-half converted into a championship-winning striker by Royle, bagged the winner in the 32nd minute.

He headed in at the near post from Rick Holden's corner.

Bench

Big spenders Blackburn were saved at Preston by an equaliser from Lennie Johnstone four minutes from time. Graham Shaw had fired Preston ahead after 66 minutes of the Manx Cup tie.

Relegated Derby were beaten 1-0 at Shrewsbury with a goal from Villa reject Dean Spink.

Brian Clough's £3.5m signings, Teddy Sheringham and Carl Tiler, were left on the bench when Forest kicked off their four-match Swedish tour.

They came on in the second half as Forest beat Alta 6-0 with the Nigels, Clough and Jemson, each scoring two with Roy Keane and Lee Glover one apiece.

Trevor Francis' Sheffield Wednesday were beaten 2-0 by the United States national team in a friendly watched by 44,261 fans in Philadelphia.

BEARDSLEY HAD TO GO



LIVERPOOL sacrificed £1 million Peter Beardsley to neighbours Everton to combat a cash crisis.

They needed the money to help finance the £5.1m double signing of Dean Saunders

and Mark Wright and their massive outlay on ground improvements.

It meant Beardsley being a reluctant sale, with Liverpool manager Graeme Souness telling the England striker only recently that he wanted him to stay at Anfield.

The original collapse of Steve Staunton's £1.1m move to Aston Villa forced Liverpool to act and they contacted clubs interested in 30-year-old Beardsley.

Everton responded immediately and a deal was agreed between managers Souness and

Howard Kendall.

Kendall, ironically, was on the opposing side when Beardsley made his Football League debut for Carlisle against Blackburn 12 years ago this month.

Beardsley's career almost came to a halt two years later when he was involved in a horror car crash.

Bob Stokoe, the first manager to sell Beardsley, setting him on the way to nearly £4m of moves stretching from Carlisle to Goodison via Vancouver Whitecaps, Manchester United, Newcastle and Liverpool said:

"Peter crashed his club car into a field. I went to see what had happened and was relieved to see he had got out with all his bones in place. He was the luckiest lad in the world. But luck has always been on his side."

Kop cash crisis opened way for Kendall swoop

And Stokoe is convinced that Kendall, having seen Beardsley's start in the big time, can inspire him to further success in the later stages of his career.

Stokoe said: "Selling Beardsley can't possibly enhance Liverpool's chances this season but that decision might give Peter a kick up the backside."

"He'll want to show Liverpool that he can still do it and Howard, who has been back at Everton long enough to make things happen

again for them, must be delighted."

Liverpool, meanwhile, will have to rely more this season on promising new kids on the Kop like Steve McManaman and Mike Marsh.

Although the eventual sale of Staunton has further eased Liverpool's financial situation, it still might not be enough to allow Souness to chase further transfer targets.

And they will also continue to try to sell.

Liverpool are prepared to take a £250,000 loss on winger Jimmy Carter who is now available at £500,000.

West Ham, in the market for a right-winger, lead the chase and they have also been in for Bury's £300,000-rated flyer David Lee.



Peter Beardsley in action for Liverpool.

Kendall will Kop Beardo

■ KOP THAT how ABSW beat the rest on the story of the Beardsley deal... a full two weeks ago.

PETER'S BLAST-OFF

GLENTORAN 0
EVERTON 5

PETER BEARDSLEY made a dramatic second half debut for Everton at the Oval ground in Belfast.

Liverpool's £1m cast-off to their Mersey rivals showed tremendous pace as he scored one goal and laid on two.

The England ace

had been on just four minutes when he set up Everton's third goal for Robert Warzycha.

Beardo let a cross-field pass reach winger Kevin Sheedy who hammered in the fourth. Then he raced halfway down the pitch to take a corner, tapped the ball to Sheedy whose cross was headed in off the bar by Eddie Youds.

Beardo crowned a superb start for his

new club by tucking home the six goal in the 77th minute.

Mike Newell had put Everton ahead in the tenth minute, punishing a miskick by teenage defender Gary Smyth.

Seven minutes later Scottish international midfielder Stuart McCall latched onto a through ball from John Ebbrell and fired in Everton's sixth from the edge of the area.

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STIRLING.....1	OXFORD.....0
TRANMERE.....0	OLDHAM.....1
WATFORD.....2	NORWICH.....0

Graham guns for Lydersen

ARSENAL look set to swoop for Norway's £500,000-rated left back Pal Lydersen.

Boss George Graham has yet to enter the transfer market this summer. But the Gunners' chief scout Steve Burtenshaw was sent to follow up video reports and watch Lydersen last week.

Lydersen responded with a brilliant 25-yard goal in a 3-1 win for IK Start against Kongsvinger.

Burtenshaw also spied on Lydersen's Norwegian international team-mate Tore Andre Dahlum, who has also been trailed by German and Italian clubs.

■ England's 1966 World Cup hero Alan Ball is being linked with the manager's job at Exeter City.

Former Portsmouth and Stoke boss Ball, who now runs a pub near Maidenhead, watched Exeter beat Millwall 1-0 in a friendly on Friday.

And Ball witnessed a half-time demo by fans against Exeter president Clifford Hill who they blame for previous manager Terry Cooper's resignation last week.

■ Stefan Kuntz, who captained Kaiserslautern to their first Bundesliga title for nearly 40 years last season, was named Germany's player of the year last week.

ARSENAL 1 PANATHINAIKOS 0

DAVID ROCASTLE showed his two-year Highbury nightmare could be over as he fired Arsenal into the Makita final.

The injury-jinxed England international struck after 18 minutes to set up a showdown with Italian champions Sampdoria.

Anders Limpar's intended shot turned into a perfect pass for the lurking Rocastle to volley home at the far post.

And it was no more than Rocastle deserved after an excellent first-half display which hinted that he is on his way back to the top.

Rocky, who was substituted 15 minutes from time, said: "It was nice to get the winner, especially as this was the first game I had started at Highbury since last Boxing Day."

Arsenal was 4-7 favourites with William Hill to lift the trophy with Sampdoria 11-8.

But the Italians had the edge after the way they turned on the style and humiliated West Ham without even fielding a full-strength side.

Yet Arsenal will have learned plenty about what European football is all about against a club who have won the Greek title 16 times.

Skilful

Panathinaikos had players who were skilful on the field and a defence so well organised that it constantly frustrated the Arsenal attack.

It is the kind of thing the Gunners will have to learn to break down if they are to hit the jackpot in the coming season.

Indeed, the Greeks went away convinced they were victims of some doubtful decisions by referee Joe Worrall.

The one that angered them most came just before half-time when Arsenal skipper Tony Adams brought down Stratos Apostolakis on the edge of the area and Worrall, waved play on.

ARSENAL: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Hillier, Bould, Adam, Rocastle, Davis, Groves, Merson, Limpar.



DAVID ROCASTLE

ALLEN TOP TARGET



CLIVE ALLEN

MANCHESTER City misfit Clive Allen is a target for Luton.

Kenilworth Road chief David Pleat has offered £300,000 for his former Spurs striker.

Pleat wants 30-year-old Allen to replace Lars Elstrup, who has returned to Denmark, and will get his answer this week.

It's a busy time at Maine Road for City boss Peter Reid.

In addition to the Allen deal, he is hoping to wrap up another £4m worth of business this week.

Wimbledon's £2m-rated England B defender Keith Curle and Spurs' Paul Stewart are both wanted by City.

Pleat tempts City with £300,000 bid

And Saturday Reid accepted a £1m bid by Everton for winger Mark Ward and full-back Alan Harper.

Everton boss Howard Kendall will have talks with both players today. He said: "The deal has been completed and it is only a matter of discussing contracts."

Swoop

There will be at least one new face at Maine Road this week — French wonder-kid

Yannick Cron.

The 16-year-old striker, regarded as one of the hottest properties in France, has paid his own fare to England in an effort to make the grade in this country.

Barnsley boss Mel Machin is set to take his summer signings to six with a double swoop.

He is paying £150,000 for Aston Villa midfielder Gareth Williams, signed for the Midlands club by England boss Graham Taylor from non-league

Gosport.

And Machin is also eyeing Manchester United striker Daniel Graham.

BLACKBURN are chasing Leicester's Alay Mauchlen after he was told he can leave Filbert Street.

BIRMINGHAM centre-half Vince Overson, who has been on trial at Barnsley, now interests Stoke.

NORWICH midfielder Tim Sherwood is set to end his dispute with the club and sign a new deal.

CHELSEA striker Kevin Wilson is a £250,000 target for Coventry manager Terry Butcher, a former team-mate at Ipswich.

BUSO IN HAMMER HORROR

SAMPDORIA 6

WEST HAM 1

This game may not have offered any real clue to Sampdoria's chances of winning the European Cup, but there was no escaping the conclusion that West Ham face a long, hard battle for First Division survival.

Even allowing for their injury problems, the Hammers still fielded a side loaded with League experience.

But they were made to look so second-rate by the strolling Italians, it was embarrassing.

The only moment of joy for their fans came in the 72nd minute when George Parris scored their lone goal from a rebound after hitting the bar.

Renato Buso, signed during the summer to understudy Gianluca Vialli — who was out with a minor injury — stole the show with four goals.

He cashed in on schoolboy mistakes by the West Ham defenders to put his side two ahead before the 20th minute.

Then in the second half he scored another couple, one with a perfect lob over unfortunate goalkeeper Ludak Miklesko.

The other two Sampdoria goals came from Attilio Lombardo, who had earlier hit a post with a rocket-like drive, and 33-year-old Brazilian international Tonhino Cerezo with a marvelous 20-yard shot.

WINNERS

RESULTS in the Makita international four-team soccer tournament at Highbury Sunday:

FINAL
Arsenal (England) 1
Sampdoria (Italy) 1, Sampdoria won 3-2 on penalties.

Scorers:
Arsenal — Paul Merson (18th minute), Sampdoria — Gianluca Vialli (70th). Attendance: 18,267.

THIRD-PLACE

PLAYOFF:
Panathinaikos (Greece) 1
West Ham (England) 1.
Panathinaikos won 3-2 on penalties.

Scorers:
Panathinaikos — Costas Antoniou (69th)
West Ham — George Parris (43rd).

IN GERMANY:
Joey's 4 (Agostino 2, Iocca, Carbone) Nieder-rhein 0.

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FERGIE'S PARKER!



MANCHESTER United last week won a £1.7m tug-of-war with Spurs for England's Paul Parker.

The QPR defender agreed to join Alex Ferguson at Old Trafford after lengthy negotiations and is now likely to be in the £4,000-a-week wages bracket.

■ Parker spoke to Spurs boss Terry Venables before travelling to Manchester, where Fer-

gie's persuasive powers paid off.

The versatile 27-year-old has also been chased by Everton, Liverpool, Arsenal and Sheffield. ■ Parker returns to Manchester tomorrow for his medical and to put the finishing touches to a contract extended to five years to counter the terms offered by Spurs.

Fergie said: "Spurs offered Paul a lot of money, but he gave

us the opportunity to take to him and we stepped in smartly.

■ "He gives me several alternatives, as he can play at centre back, right-back and sweeper.

"He's also English and we're short of home players for Europe under the four-man limit on foreigners."

■ The deal takes Fergie's Old Trafford spending to more than £16m in five years.

The Gazza saga



Paul Gascoigne

After months of on-again, off-again negotiations, English star midfielder Paul Gascoigne's transfer from Spurs to Italian club Lazio has been completed.

The transfer, reported to be worth \$11.93 million has been finalised, with Spurs managing director Terry Venables and his Lazio counterpart Carlo Regalia signing the deal.

Under the deal, Gascoigne will join Lazio for the 1992-93 season if he shows he is fully recovered from a serious knee injury suffered during the English Cup final in May.

Spurs officials said Gascoigne will undergo a fitness test on May 31, 1992.

"This is a great weight off my shoulders," Gascoigne said.

"I am sad to leave because Spurs are a fantastic club, but this is a great challenge for me."

Gascoigne, known in England as 'Gazza' could still play for Spurs this season if rehabilitation goes well on his right knee, in which his anterior cruciate ligament was torn in Spurs 2-1 extra time cup victory over Nottingham Forest.

Reports suggest he could be back in action before the end of the year.



PAUL PARKER

DRUG TESTS FOR ENGLAND

THE governing body for English football will step up random drug testing in the coming season.

The Football Association said it sent a list of 500 banned substances to the 93 clubs in the Football League.

"We do not consider we have a drugs problem in our sport when compared to some others, but the message to all clubs and players is now clear — we don't want drugs in football and we have the power to impose penalties on people found guilty," said FA spokesman David Bloomfield.

The list of banned substances includes many everyday medicines and brand name treatments for such conditions as hay fever, asthma and colds.

The FA also included a list of medications which are free of the

banned substances.

"Club doctors will have to keep an even closer check on what their players are eating and drinking and what medicines they are taking," said Bloomfield.

The FA refused to say how many drug tests were carried out last season nor how many are planned for 1991-92.



GRAHAM ROBERTS

West Bromwich Albion's Graham Roberts tested positive last season. He said he had taken an appetite suppressant not knowing it contained a banned substance.

The FA accepted his explanation and no action was taken.

Steve for Villa

ASTON Villa manager Ron Atkinson has completed his eighth signing in two months by bringing Steve Staunton from Liverpool for \$2.39 million.

Atkinson took his spending at Villa to \$8.33 million, but he still has change from the \$11.93 million he received from Bari of Italy for England international David Platt.

Staunton, a 22 year old Republic of Ireland defender, has signed a three year contract and was the second player to leave Liverpool in a two day period.

Peter Beardsley went to city neighbours Everton for \$2.17 million.

The new Villa player said he was delighted the signing has finally been completed.

"The move was delayed because of a personal problem at Anfield," he said.

"But there was never any doubt that I would be joining Villa."

"It was the kind of offer that Graeme Souness could not really turn down."

"Villa are a big club and I hope that I can be just as successful with them as I was with Liverpool."

Atkinson commented: "Despite being only 22, Steve has a great pedigree. He has already won a host of top honours and I hope that he can achieve great things with Villa."



RON ATKINSON

THIS WEEK ON SBS

YOUR SOCCER STATION

Saturday, August 10

★ World Soccer — 5.30pm

Main match: Copa America — Chile v Brazil — a do-or-die game for reigning South American champions Brazil against the host country.

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Sunday, August 11

★ European Football — 11.30am

Main match: A double-header from the United States, with the US national team meeting AC Milan in a friendly, followed by the USA versus Sheffield Wednesday in another exhibition.

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